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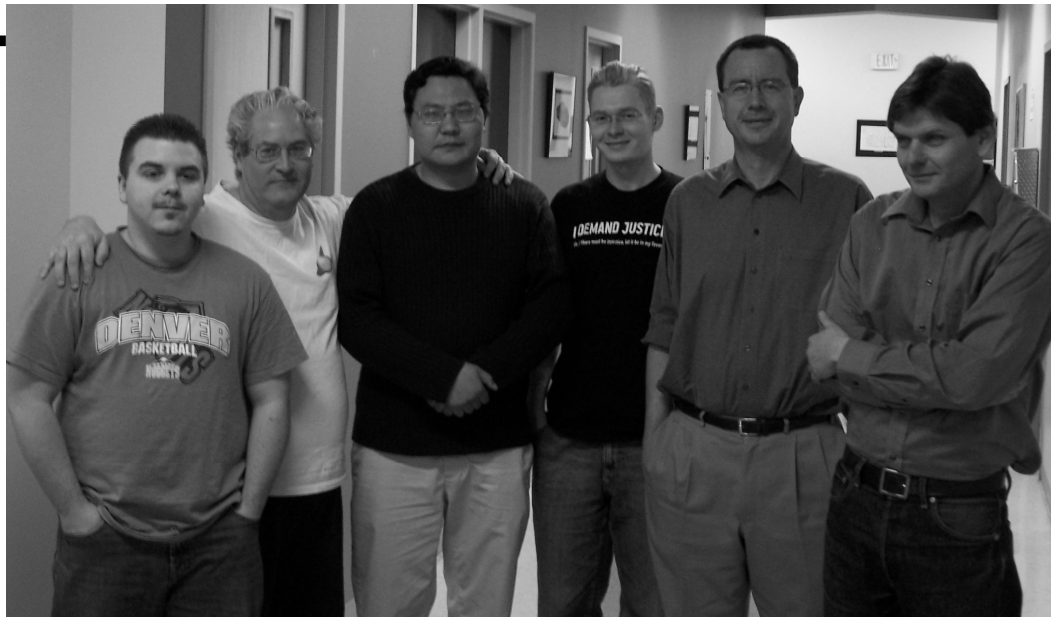

Ramirez, Wall, GM Sharavdorj, Ponomarev, Canney, and Anderson...

The Usual Suspects...

But which one walked away with the Colorado Closed Championship??

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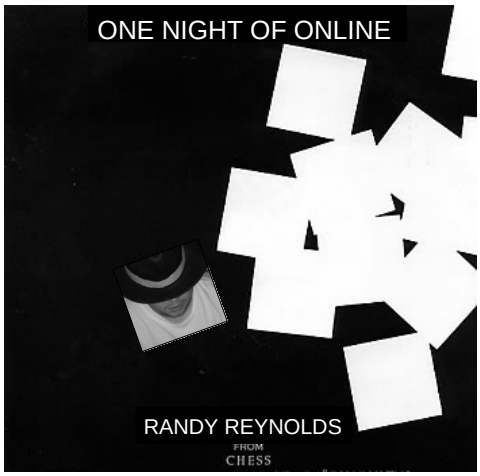

Greetings Chess Friends,

Please excuse the picture this issue. I've been on sort of an 80's kick lately.

In this issue, we've got some tournament reports from the Colorado Closed and the Bobby Fischer Memorial tournaments. We've got a good follow-up analysis from Bob Rasmussen, who comments on one of the scholastic games from last issue. We've also got Paul Anderson sharing his two losses to Grandmasters in a Dickens' twist (no, not Oliver). Lee Lahti is also sharing another update to the Northern Colorado G/29 Grand Prix events, this time with standings. It's a tight race but still not too late to get on the leader board. And we've got a poem from Anatoly Makarevich that made it into Chess Life for Kids, reprinted here. Check it out; it's pretty cool!

And we've got games. **Lots** of them. Colorado Closed has closed their report with a few, but we've got games from the Colorado Springs Open, Spring is Sprung (Pueblo), and the Bobby Fischer Memorial. It's nice to see a small uptick in the number of players attending tournaments. Hopefully the trend continues.

We are still looking for someone to take over the Colorado Chess Informant after the next issue (October) is published. We've had some interest, but all potential candidates have since had to withdraw from consideration. Once again, here are qualifications that the ideal candidate should possess:

A qualified candidate for the editorship is knowledgeable in Microsoft Publisher and hopefully other Microsoft products like Excel and Word. They should have access to such software as well. They should have good attention to detail and are willing to proofread others' work. The qualified individual must be able to adhere to strict deadlines and has good discipline to persevere in the face of hardship. A good candidate will have people skills as well and is not afraid to solicit others for articles and games, knowing a good magazine cannot be written in a vacuum.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please let me or a CSCA Board member know. We would be most appreciative.

Finally, in an effort to curb online play and get OTB chess back into Colorado, here's the new updated lyrics of Murray Head's "One Night in Bangkok" on page 3 to play us out. (I don't know what that means, "to play us out? What does that mean: "To play us out"?!? "To end the column"?!? All right, go, go...)

We'll do it live!

Enjoy this issue! ♖

[Ed. note: I've got a new-found respect for Tim Rice after trying this... oh well.. Let's do this..]

THE EDITOR:
Colorado, Mountainous setting
And the state don't know that the state is getting
The creme de la creme of the chess world in a
Show with everything but Ben Kingsley

Time flies - doesn't seem a minute
Since the VFW post had the chess boys in it
All change - don't you know that when you
Play in real life there's no ordinary venue

It's Denver... or Fort Collins... or the Springs... or... or this place!

COMPANY:
One night of online and the world's your playground
You'll find your place among the chess e-leet
They'll play a sac that's never bad or unsound
And if you're lucky, your opponent won't cheat
I can feel a hustler sliding up to me

THE EDITOR:
One town's very like another
When your head's down over your pieces, brother

COMPANY:
It's a drag, it's a bore, it's really a downer
To be looking at a board, not staring at a browser

THE EDITOR:
Whaddya mean? Ya seen one congested website...

COMPANY:
Lots of players, young and old,
Automatic scorekeeping and the clock's controlled.

THE EDITOR:
Get frag'd! This is my vocation
Where every move has hand notation
I get my kicks by pushing **real** wood, sunshine

COMPANY:
One night of online makes a strong man blunder
Mouse slip between despair and ecstasy
One night of online and the tough guys wonder
Can't be too careful with your company
I can see a GM playing against me

THE EDITOR:
Denver's gotta be the witness
To the ultimate test of cerebral fitness
This grips me more than tryin'
Red Hot Pawn with the latest client.

And thank God I'm only watching the game, controlling it

I don't see you guys have brought
The kind of skills live chess has taught
I'd let you watch, I would invite you
But the clocks we use would not excite you

So you better go back to your blogs, your chatrooms, your ICCs

COMPANY:
One night of online makes a strong man blunder
Mouse slip between despair and ecstasy
One night of online and the tough guys wonder
Can't be too careful with your company
I can see a GM playing against me

Knight Moves?

By CSCA President Joe Haines

Colorado Chess, like most chess organizations, has its ups and downs. There are years when participation is high and when it is low. There are many factors for this and the best thing to do is to adjust to those changes and do the best job a person can to provide the best product out there.

The one thing that remains consistent is that state and local organizations in Colorado are run by volunteers. They are you board members and club managers and Tournament Directors (yes, TDs get paid a modest stipend, but is far less then they should be getting.) These individuals week in and week out make sure that the majority place chess when and where they want without too much concern. I can count on less than two hands the number of individuals who make Colorado Chess (and local chess) run.

Unfortunately, these individuals, like you, have other lives and will get burned out. We need to consider helping out. VOLUNTEER. Learn how to run a tournament, become a TD, join you local club's board (or even the state board!) Contribute to the Colorado Chess Informant, or help out with scholastic chess. You could even become the editor of the informant. A commitment of as little as one hour a month can make all the difference!

Chess is an activity that we choose to do. There are many things we could be doing during the week or on weekends, and instead, we choose to play chess. Don't take that opportunity to play chess on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or on the weekends for granted! If you do, someday you may find that opportunity lost.

Sincerely,

Joe Haines
CSCA President

One awesome way to volunteer is to consider being the next Colorado Chess Informant Editor. See the editor's column on page 2 for details!!

by Joe Haines

Ponomarev Dominates 2008 Colorado Closed

The 2008 Colorado Closed was held on March 14th through 16th at Westwood College's North Denver Campus. This year's format was changed to include only the top six players to accept and invitation and was reduced to only one weekend. The prize fund was also increased from previous year's tournaments. As a result of these changes, this year's field was the strongest in 10 years. It included six of the top eight eligible players in the state including number one, Grandmaster Sharavdorj and number two Master Philipp Ponomarev.

Philipp Ponomarev made a statement in round 1 of the 2008 Colorado Closed Chess tournament when he dominated Grandmaster Sharavdorj with a 27 move win. Philipp continued his dominating performance on Saturday with wins over life master Brian Wall and Randy Canney. With a draw in round four against Renard Anderson, Philipp had a dominating lead.

When GM Sharavdorj and Brian Wall drew in round 4, Philipp was assured of the title. The only question left to decide was who was going to finish in 2nd place. Phillip finished the five round robin tournament with 4.5 points. This should be considered a great feat considering the level of competition in this year's event.

Finishing in second place was GM Sharavdorj with 3.5 points. Randy Canney finished in a very respectable third place, Brian Wall was fourth with 2.0 points. Renard Anderson had possibly the most disappointing weekend, finishing in fifth place with just 1.5 points, his first win not coming until the final round against Brian. Robert Ramirez finished with 1 point.

Herbst Edges Lehti to Grab Scholastic Closed Title

In the scholastic section, it was a two man competition from the start. Both Dylan Lehti and Richard Herbst dominated the competition for four rounds and set up a final round showdown on Sunday afternoon. The final round was a close game that Rich eventually dominated by the middle game and won.

Rounding out the competitors in the scholastic section was Ben Reilly, finishing 3rd with 2.5 points, Jackson Chen with 1.5 points and finishing with one point was David Twerskoi and Aaron Lear.

Overall the event was a great success. Special thanks go to Richard Herbst, President of Westwood College – North Denver Campus, who provided the site for the weekend.

Closed Crosstable

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Philipp M Ponomarev	2342	W2	W4	W3	D5	W6	4.5
2	Dashzegve Sharavdorj	2504	L1	W6	W5	D4	W3	3.5
3	Randy C Canney	2201	D4	W5	L1	W6	L2	2.5
4	Brian D Wall	2200	D3	L1	W6	D2	L5	2.0
5	Renard W Anderson	2233	L6	L3	L2	D1	W4	1.5
6	Robert Ramirez	2083	W5	L2	L4	L3	L1	1.0

Closed Champion Philipp Ponomarev studies the board

Scholastic Closed Crosstable

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Richard Herbst	1982	W4	W5	W3	W6	W2	5.0
2	Dylan M Lehti	1729	W3	W4	W6	W5	L1	4.0
3	Ben D Reilly	1767	L2	W6	L1	W4	D5	2.5
4	Jackson Chen	1606	L1	L2	D5	L3	W6	1.5
5	Aaron Lear	1607	L6	L1	D4	L2	D3	1.0
6	David Twerskoi	1556	W5	L3	L2	L1	L4	1.0

compiled by Joe Haines

Games from the 2008 Colorado Closed Championship

Round 1

W: Dashzegve Sharavdorj
B: Philipp Ponomarev

1. d4 d5 2.Nf3 Bf5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Qb3 Qc7 6.Bf4 dc 7.Bc7 cb 8.a3 Nf6 9.Nd2 Bc2 10.e4 b5 11.f3 a6 12.Be2 Nbd7 13.Bd1 Rc8 14.Bf4 c5 15. dc Nc5 16.Bc2 bc 17.Ke2 Rd8 18.Bg5 Nd3 19.Na2 Bd6 (Diagram)

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20.Kd3 Bf4+ 21.Kc2 Rd2+ 22.Kc3 Bg5 23.h4 Bh6 24.g4 Bf4 25.Nb4 Rf2 26.Rhf1 Be5+ 27.Kd3 Rb2 0-1

W: Brian Wall
B: Randy Canney

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.c4 dc 7.Nxc4 Nb6 8.a3 Be7 9.Nxb6 ab 10.Bc4 Nb4 11.O-O Bd7 12.Qe2 Bc6 13. Rd1 Nd5 14.Be3 Qd7 15. Rac1 h6 16.h4 b5 17.Bd3 b4 18.ab Nxb4 19.Bc4 g5 20.hg hg 21.Nxg5 Rh4 22.f4 Bxg5 23.fg O-O-O 24.Qe1 Rg4 25.Qxb4 Rxg2+ 26.Kf1 Rh8 27.Ke1 Rh1+ 28.Bf1 Bb5 29.Rc4 Bxc4 30.Qxc4 Rxb2 31.Rd2 Rb1+ 32.Rd1 Rxd1+ 33.Kxd1 b5 34.Qd3 (draw offered) Qd5 35.Bd2 c6 36.Ke1 Qg2 37.Qe2 Qd5 38.Qf2 Qe4+ 39.Kd1 Qd3 40.Ke1 Qe4+ 41.Kd1 Qd3 ½ - ½

Round 2

W: Philipp Ponomarev
B: Brian Wall

1.d4 d6 2.g3 e5 3.Bg2 Nd7 4.c4 Ngf6 5.Nf3 Be7 6.O-O O-O 7.b3 c6 8.Nc3 a5 9.Qc2 Re8 10.Ba3 ed 11.Nd4 Nc5 12.Rad1 Qc7 13.Bc1 g6 14.e4 Bf8 15.h3 Nfd7 16.f4 Bg7 17.Ndb5 Qb6 18.Nxd6 Nxe4+ 19.Kh2 Nxd6 20.Rxd6 Nc5 21.Nd5 Qa7 22.Nc7 Bf5 23.Qd1 Ne4 24.Nxe8 Nxd6 25.Nxg7 Qc5 26.Nxf5 Nxf5 27.g4 Ne3 1-0

Round 3

W: Philipp Ponomarev
B: Randy Canney

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4.f3 c6 5.Qd3 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb6 7.e4 de 8.fe e5 9.de Nxe5 10.Qg3 Nfd7 11.O-O-O g6 12.Na4 Qd8 13.Bc3 Qe7 14.Rxd7 Nxd7 15.Bxh8 f6 16.Nf3 b5 17.Nc3 b4 18.Nd1 Nc5 19.Qf4 Qxe4 20.Qxe4 Nxe4 21.Bd3 Bh6+ 22.Kb1 f5 23.Re1 Be6 24.Bxe4 fxe4 25.Rxe4 O-O-O 26.Bd4 Bf5 27.Re1 a5 28.Ne3 Be4 29.Ng4 Bxf3 30.gf Rxd4 31.Nxh6 Rh4 32.Ng4 h5 33.Ne5 Rxh2 34.Nxc6 Rf2 35.Ne7+ Kd8 36.Nxg6 Rxf3 37.b3 Rg3 38.Re6 Rg4 39.Ne5 Rf4 40.Kb2 Rf5 41.Nc6+ Kd7 42.Rh6 Rc5 43.Nd4 Re5 44.Nf3 Rf5 45.Nh4 Rg5 46.a3 Kc7 47.ab ab 48. Ng6 Rf5 49.Nh4 Rg5 50.Nf3 Rd5 51.Ne1 Re5 52.Nd3 Re4 53.Rxh4 Kb6 54.Rc5 1-0

W: Brian Wall
B: Robert Ramirez

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d3 Bg7

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Scholastic Closed participants (L to R): Dylan Lee, Aaron Lear, Richard Herbst, David Twerskoi, and Ben Reilly. Jackson Chen hides behind Aaron in the background.

by Liz Wood

Spring is Sprung Tournament Report and Selected Games

April 26th was a Spring is Sprung day in Pueblo as 13 players came together to participate at a tournament held at the Daily Grind Café in Pueblo, Colorado. There was a great deal of competition among the mostly higher rated players and some interesting G/30 games.

Name	Rating	Total Point
Renard Anderson	2217	4.5
Josh Bloomer	2215	3.5
Alexander Chavez	Unr(2200)	0.0
James Hamblin	2053	3.5
Chris Clevenger	1842	3.0
Scott Massey	1812	2.5
Igor Melnykov	1812	4.0
Scott Nichols	1796	2.0
Alejandro Torres	1666	2.5
Dean Brown	1535	2.5
Tom Mullikin	1339	1.5
Jerry Maier	1238	2.0
Liz Wood	1148	2.0
Kathy Schneider	866	2.0

W: Jim Hamblin
B: Scott Nichols

Pirc or Modern
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nh3 Bh3 7.Rh3 Nc6 8.f3 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.Be3 Qd7 11.Qd2 a6 12.b4 Nh7 13.b5 f5 14.ba ba 15.Rb1 f4 16.Bf2 g5 17.hg Ng5 18.Rh1 Ng6 19.Bc4 h4 20.Qe2 h3 21.Ba6 hg 22.Rh8+ Bh8 23.Bb5 Ra3 24.Bd7+ Kd7 25.Kd2 1-0

W: Dean Brown
B: Chris Clevenger

Reti/English
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.0-0 e5 6.d3 Nf6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.a3 0-0 11.Rb1 Be7 12.b4 cb 13.ab f6 14.b5 Na5 15.Qa4 b6 16.Ne1 Rb8 17.Nb3 Nxb3 18.Rxb3 Qd7 19.Nc2 a5 20.Re1 f5 21.e3 de 22.Rxe3 f4 23.Rxe5 f3 24.Bh1 Bd6 25.Re3 Bg4 26.Ne1 Bc5 27.Re4 Rbe8 28.Rxe8 Qxe8 29.Rb1 Qe2 (Diagram) [can't stop Qf2++] [Ed. note: d4, followed by Nd3, could stop it, but it's still pretty bleak for white] 0-1

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W: Dean Brown
B: Jim Hamblin

Reti
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cd cd 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.e3 Bf5 7.Bb5 e6 8.Ne5 Rc8 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Nxc6 bc 11.Ba4 Bxh2 12.Kxh2 Ng4+ 13.Kg3 Qg5 14.f4 Qg6 15.Qe1 Nxe3+ 16.Kf2 Nxf1 17.Qxf1 Bd3 18.Qd1 0-0 19.g3 c5 20.Be3 cd 21.Bxd4 Rc4 22.Bxa7 Ra8 23.Be3 d4 24.Bb3 de+ 25.Kxe3 Qxg3+ 26.Qf3 QxQf3 27.Kxf3 Rcc8 28.Na4 Rab8 29.Ke3 Bc4 30.Bd1 Bd5 31.Nc3 Rxb2 32.Rc1 0-1

W: Josh Bloomer
B: Scott Nichols

Modern
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.e5 Nfd7 8.e6 fe6 9.Ng5 Nf6 10.dxc5 Nc6 11.Be3 e5 12.Bc4+ d5 13.Nxd5 e6 14.Nxf6 Qxf6 15.0-0 ef4 16.Rxf4 Qe5 17.Rxf8+ Bxf8 18.Qf3 Nd8 19.Rd1 (Diagram) 1-0 (NOTE: If you try to defend, the knight threatens Rxd8, then 19...Qf7+ 20.Kh8 Qh7#)

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W: Allejandro Torres
B: Jim Hamblin

Catalin
1.d4 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.c3 Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.a3 Be7 7.Nd2 Nbd7 8.e4 de 9.fe Bg6 10.Ne2 e5 11.0-0 b5 12.Qb3 Qb6 13.Kh1 0-0 14.h3 c5 15.d5 c4 16.Qd1 Nc5 17.Kh2 Nfe4 18.Ne4 Be4 19.Be3 Bg2 20.Kg2 Rad8 21.Rb1 Qb7 22.Kh2 Rd5 23.Qc2 Rd3 24.Bg1 Nb3 25.Rbd1 Rfd8 26.Nc1 Nc1 27.Qc1 Qe4 28.Bf2 Qf3 29.Rd3 Rd3 30.Qe1 Qd5 31.Ba7 Bg5 32.Kg1 Rd2 33.Bf2 e4 34.Be3 Be3 35.Qe3 Rb2 36.Qa7 h6 37.Qd4 Qd4 38.cd c3 39.Rc1 Rb3 40.Kf2 Ra3 41.Ke3 f5 42.Kf4 g6 43.g4 b5 44.gf gf 45.Kf5 e3 46.Ke4 e2 47.Kd3 Ra2 48.Ke8 b3 49.Kd3 c2 50.Ke2 b2 1.Rg1 Kh7 52.d5 c1=Q 53.RxQa5 0-1

W: Liz Wood
B: Dean Brown

Sicilian-Accelerated Dragon
1.e4 c5 2.c3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Bc4 e6 5.0-0 Nc6 6.Re1 d6 7.d3 Nf6 8.Bg5 Qb6 9.Nbd2 Qxb2 10.Qb3 Qxb3 11.Bxb3 0-0 12.Rad1 Ng4 13.Bh4 Bxc3 14.Re2 Bxd2 15.R2xd2 b5 16.Bg3 Nge5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 de 19.Rc1 Ba6 20.Rxc5 Rfd8 21.Rxe5 Rac8 22.h3 Rc6 23.d4 R6d6 24.Rd1 Rxd4 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.f3 Kf8 27.Rc5 Rd7 28.f4 h5 29.f5 Ke7 30.fe fe 31.Rc6 Rd6 32.Rc7+ Rd7 33.Rxd7 Kxd7 34.e5 h4 35.Kf2 Bb7 36.g3 g5 37.gh gh 38.Ke3 Bg2 39.Kf4 Bxh3 40.Kg5 Bg2 41.Kxh5 Bd5 42.Kg5 Bxb3 43.axBb3 a5 44.Kf6 a4 0-1

Bobby Fischer Memorial

May 3-4, 2008

Open

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Dashzegve Sharavdorj	2480	W15	W17	W6	W2	4.0
2	Renard Anderson	2219	W11	W8	W9	L1	3.0
3	Brian Wall	2203	W18	D14	W7	D5	3.0
4	David Meliti	1810	L5	W12	W17	W9	3.0
5	Tyler Hughes	2267	W4	L9	W11	D3	2.5
6	Paul Anderson	1918	W12	W19	L1	D8	2.5
7	Laurence Wutt	1849	D16	W15	L3	W13	2.5
8	John Flores	1807	W21	L2	W19	D6	2.5
9	Jeffrey Fox	1841	W13	W5	L2	L4	2.0
10	Bill Weihmiller	1844	L19	W16	L13	W21	2.0
11	Klaus Johnson	1756	L2	W20	L5	W16	2.0
12	Reuben Sbarge	1728	L6	L4	W18	W17	2.0
13	Anthea Carson	1705	L9	W18	W10	L7	2.0
14	Shaun MacMillan	1835	W20	D3	U	U	1.5
15	Munir Hammad	1804	L1	L7	D21	W19	1.5
16	Tim Brennan	1695	D7	L10	W22	L11	1.5
17	DuWayne Langseth	1852	W22	L10	L4	L12	1.0
18	Alex Cacas	1832	L3	L13	L12	B	1.0
19	Ted Doykos	1695	W10	L6	L8	L15	1.0
20	Paul Grimm	1648	L14	L11	B	U	1.0
21	Dean Brown	1543	L8	D22	D15	L10	1.0
22	Gary Bagstad	1700	L17	D21	L16	U	0.5

Reserve

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Cory Foster	1573	W13	D10	W4	W3	3.5
2	Michael Dempsey	1189	D5	W17	W12	W8	3.5
3	Yelena Kandybey	1384	W17	W12	W7	L1	3.0
4	Michael Wokurka	1488	W14	W21	L1	W13	3.0
5	Daniel Zhou	1439	D2	W15	D9	W14	3.0
6	Jeffrey Sallade	1173	L8	W22	W18	W15	3.0
7	Dashzeveg Samdan	1603	W18	W11	L3	D9	2.5
8	Robert Rountree	1467	W6	D9	W10	L2	2.5
9	Rhett Langseth	1320	W22	D8	D5	D7	2.5
10	Fred Eric Spell	1328	W16	D1	L8	W18	2.5
11	Thomas Mullikin	1321	W20	L7	L14	W19	2.0
12	Peter Lee Swan	1292	W19	L3	L2	W21	2.0
13	Gerald Maier	1271	L1	W16	W21	L4	2.0
14	Isaac Martinez	1173	L4	W20	W11	L5	2.0
15	Jerry Keker	1449	H	L5	W17	L6	1.5
16	Kathy Schneider	822	L10	L13	W22	H	1.5
17	Russel Stark	1263	L3	L2	L15	W22	1.0
18	Ken Johnson	1207	L7	W19	L6	L10	1.0
19	Glenn Mullins	1021	L12	L18	W20	L11	1.0
20	Anudari Sharavdorj	588	L11	L14	L19	B	1.0
21	Arvin Bilegsaikhan	301	B	L4	L13	L12	1.0
22	Kristin Meliti	969	L9	L6	L16	L17	0.0

by Richard Buchanan

The Bobby Fischer Memorial Tournament Report

The Bobby Fischer Memorial chess tournament was played in Manitou Springs on May 3 - 4, 2008. The first prize of $700 in the top section went to GM Dashzeveg Sharavdorj of Denver, who dominated the tournament throughout with true grandmastership. Renard Anderson and Brian Wall followed a point behind at 3-1. The Reserve Section (U1600) went to Cory Foster of Ft. Collins and Michael Dempsey of Loveland, both with 3.5 points. A 14-player non-rated Community Tournament gave out prizes galore, with the first pick going to Marvin Muniz who scored 4-0. Tyler Hughes won a G/10 "Fischer-Random" tournament played Saturday evening.

Bobby Fischer, who died in January, was a chess legend and arguably the greatest player of all time. Developing as a child prodigy in the 1950s, he soared to national championship strength and quickly established himself as a world class player, qualifying for the 1959 Candidates Tournament at the age of 16.

He scored amazing results in tournaments and matches, enough to demonstrate convincingly he was in a class of his own. During the "Fischer Boom" at the time of his winning the World Championship from Boris Spassky, American chess expanded beyond belief. Tournament participation and USCF membership soared to new heights. Chess rode a wave of recognition and respect as the uneducated Brooklyn boy defeated the mighty Soviet Chess Machine. At the tournament, I put up a display of copies of magazine covers from *Chess Life* and *Chess Review* from 1956 to 1972 that showed moments in Fischer's wondrous career. Fischer contributed enormously to our game. He produced scores of brilliant games, both tactical slams and technical delicacies. He also helped build chess professionalism, and made it easier for future champions to earn a good living playing chess. But there was also a darkness in Bobby Fischer that stayed with him all his adult life, and ultimately led to his tragic decline from his greatest triumph. I will not go into details here; chess players know them painfully well. These actions make it difficult to hold Fischer up with respect. But still, considering the totality of the man's life and creations, we felt he deserved this tournament in his memory.

Much credit for this tournament goes to Joe Fromme of Manitou Springs. Joe came to the Colorado Springs Chess Club with the idea for this tournament and he did the fund-raising to create a first place prize that kept growing in the website tournament notices as the date of the tournament got closer! Joe and were able to convince the Manitou Springs City Council to let us use the City Hall for half the usual fee. Along with Renae Delaware and Dean Brown, we went around to Manitou Springs businesses collecting prizes for the Community Tournament. Tom Mullikin donated flyers for the tournament, and we used a haunting picture of Fischer drawn by Anthea Carson for a tournament T-shirt. (Contact me if you want to order one.)

On the eve of the tournament, I had a series of computer crises that put my hardware out of action. So Jerry Maier and Dean Brown kindly handled that for me - deeply appreciated! (Jerry will also be directing this year's Pikes Peak Open, as I will have to be at the Renaissance Festival that weekend to close down our booth.) Thanks also go to Renae Delaware for helping run the Community Tournament. and to Art Glassman for being there and helping out in many ways. And, of course, to Joe Fromme (and his patient wife Dena), who provided goodies, ran the display boards, and served as the driving force behind a unique chess experience.

Parting with the Lady

by NM Todd Bardwick

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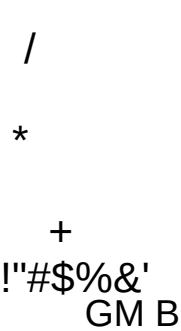
Sacrificing the queen is the most beautiful move in chess. Every chess player dreams of playing a game where he parts with his lady to create a master-piece. To safely sacrifice a piece, you should either see a forced checkmate, find a way to regain the sacrificed material, or gain some other type of advantage to justify the sacrifice.

This game set the tone for the final match of the 1998 U.S. Championships between Nick de Firmian and defending champ, Joel Benjamin. De Firmian made a queen sacrifice that I will never forget as I was moving the pieces on the demo board for the audience when he played it!

GM de Firmian



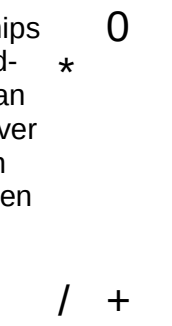
GM Benjamin

Position after 33.Rf1

33. ... Qxf1+! 34.Kxf1 Rd1+ 35.Ke2 Re1+ Skewering the king and queen. 36.Kd2 Rxe5 37.Kxc2 Re2+ 38.Resigns

Here is a queen sacrifice from the game that won the Brilliancy Prize in the famous 1953 Zurich International Chess Tournament.

Kotov

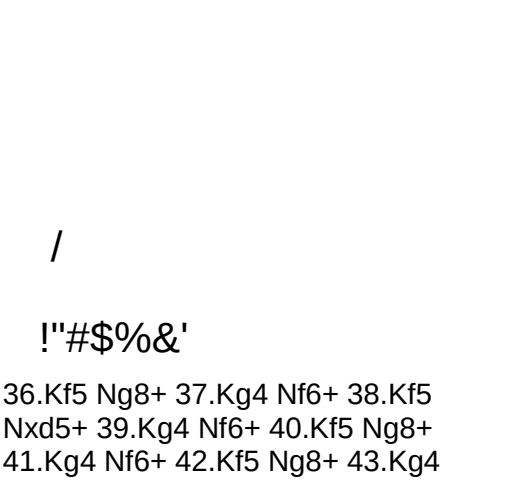


Averbakh

The game is pretty quiet with the center locked up, until Kotov plays the surprising queen sacrifice 30.Qxh3+! White must accept the sacrifice and his king is forced into enemy territory on the wrong side of the pawn wall.

31.Kxh3 Rh6+ 32.Kg4 Nf6+ 33.Kf5 Nd7 34.Rg5 White must defend against 34.Rf8+ 35.Kg4.Rg8+ 36. Kf5 Rf6 mate.

34.Rf8+ 35.Kg4 Nf6+ Kotov is in time pressure and gave some extra checks to get to move 40 and make time control. He is careful not to repeat moves too many times and end up with a three-move repetition draw. Black is dreaming of ways to set up rook-rook roller mates as the White king cannot retreat home to his friends.



36.Kf5 Ng8+ 37.Kg4 Nf6+ 38.Kf5 Nxd5+ 39.Kg4 Nf6+ 40.Kf5 Ng8+ 41.Kg4 Nf6+ 42.Kf5 Ng8+ 43.Kg4 Bxg5 44.Kxg5 Rf7 45.Bh4 Rg6+ 46.Kh5 Rfg7 47.Bg5 Piece by piece, White must give back material to avoid getting mated. 47. ... Rxg5+ 48.Kh4 Nf6 49.Ng3 Rxg3 49.fxg3? 50.Qxg5! giving back the queen for two rooks, resulting in a material advantage for White.

50.Qxd6 R3g6 51.Qb8+ Rg8 52.Resigns 52.Rh6 mate is threatened. 52.Qxg8+ giving back the queen avoids mate, but Black would now have a winning material advantage in the endgame!

Remember, the ultimate sacrifice is your powerful queen and you should either find a forced checkmate or a winning position that justifies giving up your most valuable piece.

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by Bob Rasmussen

Scholastics Under the Microscope

As a lower rated player, I found the following position from the Lasley/Zhou game played at this year's Scholastic Championship to be instructive for several reasons. Those reasons are summed up at the end of this article; however, before you rush to see what they are look at the diagram below.

What move would you make as White, and why? Are you afraid of losing your knight? Have you failed to appreciate the power of your rook on the seventh? Do you feel it's time to set about trading pieces because you have an extra one? If you answered yes to any one of these questions, read on.

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Xu Zhou

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Alexa Lasley

23. Qc4+!

Instead of 23.Qg5, which only keeps the knight's pawn pinned, White makes use of what Nimzovich calls the 7th Rank Absolute by keeping the king relegated to the back rank and under attack.

23. … Kh8

24. f4!

White is not afraid of ending up in a perpetual check because he sees that his king can reach h4 or in some cases h6 where it will be safe. The important point is to keep up the attack despite the intermediate checks.

24. … Qe3+

The only viable move for Black's queen. 24…Qb2 runs into 25.c3 and the queen is locked out.

25. Kg2 Qe2+

26. Kg3 Qe3+

Black must continue checking White's king. If 26…Qxd1; 27.Qd4+ with mate to follow. The 7th Rank Absolute forces black to walk a tight rope -- one from which he will eventually fall.

27. Kh4 g5+

A must if Black is to continue fighting on. If 27… Qf2+ then 28.Kg5, Qg2+; 29.Kh6, Qd5 (desperation but it doesn't help); 30. Qc3+! and White will mate shortly.

28. fxg5 Rbe8

Activating the rook and preparing to block the coming check.

29. Qc3+ Re5 (Diag)

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Black's game is hopeless after 29… Qe5; 30.Qxe5+, Rxe5; 31.Nf6 (threatening Rxh7#), Rxf6; 32.gxf6. Either the pawn on f6 will queen or White will mate shortly. For example, 32…Kg8; 33.Rg1+, Kf8; 34.Rg7, Ke8 (34…Re8; 35.Rdf7#); 35.f7+!, Kxd7; 36.f8(Q)+ or 32… h6; 33.Rd8+, Kh7; 34.f7 or 32… Re8, 33.Re1!, Rf8; 34.R1e7, Rb8; 35.Rxh7+, Kg8; 36.Rdg7+, Kf8; 37.Rh8#.

30. Rg1

There are other moves, but this is the safest because the rook can interpose on g3 if Black checks on f2, thus leaving the h5 knight for both attack and defense. Obviously 30… Qxg1 is answered by 31.Qxe5+ with mate to follow.

30. … f4

If Black tries to protect the overburdened rook a second time by 30… Re8 there follows 31.Nf6, R8e7; 32.Rxe7, Qf2+ (before capturing

the rook, Black wants his queen on a square where White's knight cannot attack it with the coming-discovered check); 33.Kh5, Qf3+; 34.Kh6, Rxe7; 35.Re1! (keep your eyes on the prize). Black's defense is at an end because his rook must stay put a White threatens a nasty discovered check.

However, it's not as easy as it looks. Because Black's king is more exposed with the knight at f6, there are ways for him to go wrong even with a threatened mate in one. For instance, 31…Qf2+; 32.Kh5, Qf3+; 33.Kh6??, Qxh3+; 34.Nh5, Re6+; 35.g6, Qe3+; 36.Nf4 (if 36.Rg5, Rxg6#) Qxf4+; 37.Kh5, hxg+; 38.Rxg6, Qh2+; 39.Kg5, Qg3+; 40.Kh5, 41.Qxg6, Kh4; 42.Qg4#.

Of course, all this can be avoided if White uses his defensive rook properly. For instance, 31…Qf2+; Rg3, Qf4+; 33.Rg4!, Qf2+; 34.Kh5 (now the king is safe), R8e7; 35.Qxe5! with mate to follow shortly.

31. Re7 Qf2+
32. Rg3

The rook is better placed here than the knight, which in its current position controls f4. This was the reason for 30.Rg1.

32 … Qe1 (Diagram)

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Maybe White will bite and exchange queens. Besides, it's Black's only chance, but not a very good one. You may notice that after the exchange of queens by 33.Qxe1, Rxe1; 34.Rxe1, fxg3 White still comes out a piece ahead, but Black can play on for awhile. The text move keeps up the tension and puts an end to a counterplay by Black.

33. Qb2! Kg8

White Black can resign here but waits until the smoke clears.

34. Rxe5 Qxg3+

What else is there?

35. Nxg3 fxg3
36. Re7 Rf7
37. Re8+ Rf8
38. Qe5

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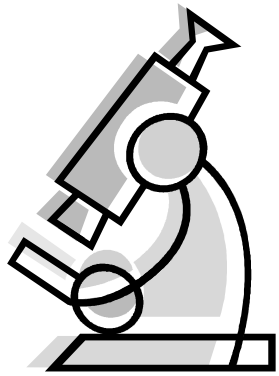
Now Black can resign.



PRINCIPLES OF THIS LESSON

Don't fear your opponent's threat to take a piece (i.e. the knight on h5 by the pawn on g6 once the pin is broken) if you can attack successfully (i.e. 23.Qc4+).

Make use of your rook on the opponent's seventh rank (i.e. 7th rank absolute where the opponent's king is confined to the first rank) in conjunction with other pieces (i.e. queen on c3 or c4 and knight on h5).

If you have an extra piece (i.e. the knight on h5) there are times to use it for attack and not trade down to an endgame.

Learn to make use of pieces for offense and defense concurrently (i.e. the knight on h5).

Don't fear checks in the middle of an attack if you can see that your king will end up safely (i.e. 24.f4! becomes a good move and 24…Qe3+ just a temporary nuisance).

Learn patience during an attack, and don't settle for an extra piece if there is something better (i.e. 33.Qb2! instead of 33.Qxe1).

Games from the Colorado Springs Open

prepared & annotated by Richard Buchanan

W: Randy Canney
B: Fred Eric Spell

Alekhin
1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.Nc3 Nxc3 4.bxc3 d6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 Nc6 7.d4 e6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.Bd3 b6 10.0–0 Bb7 11.Nd2 0–0 12.Qg4 f5 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Rxf6 Bxf6 15.Nf3 Kh8 16.Qh5 Qg8 17.Bg5 Rf8 18.Re1 g6 19.Qh4 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 Nd8 21.Re3 Bc6 22.Rh3 h5 23.Ne4 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Rf6 25.Rg3 a5 26.h4 Kh7 27.Qe5 Qf7 28.Qxh5+ Kg7 29.Qe5 Nc6 30.Qe4 Ne7 31.h5 c5 32.hxg6 Nxg6 33.Rxg6+ Rxg6 34.Qxg6+ Qxg6 35.Bxg6 Kxg6 36.Kf2 Kf5 37.Kf3 e5 38.d5 e4+ 39.Ke3 Ke5 40.c4 1–0

W: Shaun MacMillan
B: Marcus Hilgers

French
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.h4 0–0 7.Bd3 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bxh7+ Kxh7 11.Ng5+ Kg8 12.Qh5 1–0

W: Gordon Randall
B: Ryan McCardell

QGD
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 e6 6.e4 Bb4 7.Qc2 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 b5 9.Ba3 Na6 10.Be2 Nd7 11.0–0 Qa5 12.Bd6 Qb6 13.Rfb1 c5 14.e5 f6 15.Rxb5 Qc6 (Diag) 16.Bxc4 fxe5 17.dxe5 Nc7 18.Rbb1 Nb6 19.Bd3 Bb7 20.a5 Nc8 21.Bxc7 Qxc7 22.Rxb7 Qxb7 23.Be4 Qa6 24.Bxa8 Nb6 25.Be4 h6 26.Qa2 Nd7 27.Rd1 c4 28.Qa4 Qc8 29.Bc6 1–0

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W: Renard Anderson
B: Jason Stoneking

Caro-Kann (!? from Jason's scoresheet)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5 6.0–0 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Ne7 8.Nxf5 Nxf5 9.c4 Nc6 10.cxd5 Qxd5 11.Qxd5 exd5 12.Bd3 Nfd4 13.Nc3 0–0–0? 14.Bf4 Bc5 15.Na4 Bb4 16.Rac1 Rhe8 17.a3 Ba5 18.Bg5 Rd7 19.b4 Bc7 20.f4 h6 21.Bh4 g5 22.b5 Nxe5 23.fxe5 gxh4 24.b6! Rxe5 25.bxa7! 1–0

W: Tim Brennan
B: Randy Canney

Torre
1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.Nf3 Ne4 4.Bf4 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.e3 Qb6 7.Qb3 c4 8.Qc2 Bf5 9.Qc1 h6 10.Be2 g5 11.Bg3 h5 12.h3 Nxg3 13.fxg3 Qc7 14.Kf2 e6 15.Nbd2 Bd6 16.Nf1 0–0–0 17.b3 cxb3 18.axb3 g4 19.N3d2 gxh3 20.gxh3 Rdg8 21.Rg1 Bxh3 22.c4 h4 23.g4 Bh2 24.Nf3 Bxg1+ 25.Nxg1 Bxf1 26.Kxf1 h3 0–1

W: Joe Pahk
B: Shaun MacMillan

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.c4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 d6 8.Be2 0–0 9.0–0 Ng4 10.Bxg4 Bxg4 11.f3 Bd7 12.Bf2 Re8 13.Rc1 Qa5 14.a3 Qh5 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Qd2 Bh6 17.Be3 Qc5 (Diag) (A nice Troitzky double pin. See Pal Benko's column in the December 2006 Chess Life.)

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18.Rfe1 Rac8 19.Qf2 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 Qxe3+ 21.Rxe3 b5 22.cxb5 Bxb5 23.Ree1 Ba6 24.Nd2 Bc4 25.Ne3 Be6 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Re2 Kf8 28.Kf2 Ke8 29.Rc2 Kd8 30.Ke2 Bb3 31.Rxc8+ Kxc8 32.Kd2 Kc7 33.Kc3 Be6 34.Kb4 Kb6 35.Kc3 Kc5 36.a4 a5 37.Nc2 Bc4 38.b3 Be6 39.Ne3 f5 40.Nc4?! (Before offering a trade of the last pieces, calculate carefully! See Rountree - Brennan and Rountree - Pahk for similar endings.) 40...Bxc4 41.bxc4 fxe4 42.fxe4 g5 43.g4 h6 44.h3 e6 45.Kd3 Kb4 46.Kd4 Kxa4 47.e5 dxe5+ 48.Kxe5 Kb4 49.Kd4 a4 50.c5 Kb5! 0–1

W: Bill Weihmiller
B: Istvan Hornyak

Pirc
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bd3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7 5.Ne2 Nc6 6.f3 Nb4 7.Nbc3 Nxd3+ 8.Qxd3 c6 9.0–0–0 0–0 10.h4 b5 11.Rdg1 b4 12.Nd1 Qa5 13.Kb1 Ba6 14.Qd2 Bc4 15.Nc1 c5 16.Bh6 Bxh6 17.Qxh6 cxd4 18.g4 Rac8 19.Rh2 Qc5 20.Rgh1 Rc7 21.b3 Ba6 22.Nb2 Rfc8 23.Ncd3 Bxd3 24.Nxd3 Qb5 25.Qg5 Qb6 26.h5 Kg7 27.hxg6 fxg6 28.e5 dxe5 29.Qxe5 Kg8 30.Nf4 Qd6 31.Qg5 Qc5 32.Qh6 e5 33.Ne6 1–0

W: Igor Melnykov
B: Dean Brown

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.c3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 d5 5.exd5 Nf6 6.Bb5+ Nbd7 7.d6 exd6 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.Qe2+ Kf8 10.0–0 h6 11.Nc3 d5 12.Re1 Kg8 13.Bf4 Kh7 14.Ne5 Rf8 15.Qf3 Nb6 16.Bd3 Kg8 17.h3 Nh5 18.Bd2 Nf6 19.Bf4 Nh5 20.Bd2 Nf6 21.Re2 Nc4 22.Nxd5 Nxd2 23.Nxf6+ Bxf6 24.Rxd2 Bg5 25.Re2 Qxd4 26.Bc4 Qf4 27.Qxf4 Bxf4 28.Nxg6 Be6 29.Bxe6 fxe6 30.Nxf8 Rxf8 1–0

W: Paul Anderson
B: Renard Anderson

King's Indian
1.c4 g6 2.e3 Bg7 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 0–0 5.Bd3 d6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 e5 8.d5 Nc5 9.e4 a5 10.h3 Nh5 11.g4 Nf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.0–0–0 (Unusual in a King's Indian. Renard is probably pleased with this address for the WK, as his pieces invade the Q-side smoothly.) 13...a4 14.Ne2 c6 15.Kb1 a3 16.b3 Bd7 17.Ned4 Na6 18.Qd2 c5 19.Nc2 Qf6 20.e5 dxe5 21.Be4 Qd6 22.g5 b5 23.Qd3 bxc4 24.Qxc4 Rfb8 25.Nd2 Nc7 26.Qe2 Nb5 27.Qd3 Qa6 28.f3 Qa5 29.Nc4 Qa6 30.Nd2 Nd6 31.Qxa6 Rxa6 32.Bd3 Bb5 33.Ne1 c4 34.Bc2 cxb3 35.Bxb3 Bc4 36.Nxc4 Nxc4 37.Rd3 Na5 38.Rh2 Rab6 39.Rhd2 Kf8 40.Nc2 Nxb3 41.axb3 Rxb3+ 42.Rxb3 Rxb3+ 43.Ka2 Rb2+ 44.Kxa3 e4 45.fxe4 f3 46.d6 Ke8 47.Rf2 Bd4 48.Rxf3 Rxc2 49.d7+ Kd8 50.Kb4 Rc7 51.Rxf7 Rxd7 52.Rf4 Ke7 53.Kc4 Be5 54.Rh4 Ke6 55.Rg4 Rc7+ 56.Kb4 Bd4 57.Kb5 Ke5 58.Kb4 Be3 59.h4 Bf4 60.h5 Kxe4 0–1

W: Robert Rountree
B: Tim Brennan

Center Counter
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Nxd5 Qxd5

5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 Nc6 7.c3 e6 8.d4 Be7 9.0–0 0–0 10.Bf4 Qd7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxg4 Nxg4 13.Qxg4 Rfd8 14.Bh6 Bf6 15.Bg5 Bxg5 16.Qxg5 Qd5 17.Qxd5 Rxd5 18.Rfd1 Rad8 19.Re1 c5 20.dxc5 Rxc5 21.Rad1 Rcd5 22.Rxd5 Rxd5 23.Kf1 Kf8 24.f4 b5 25.Kf2 h6 26.Ke3 g5 27.Re2 gxf4+ 28.Kxf4 Rf5+ 29.Ke4 f6 30.b3 Re5+ 31.Kd3 Rxe2 32.Kxe2 Ke7 33.Ke3 h5 34.h4 e5 35.g3 f5 36.Kf3 e4+ 37.Ke3 Ke6 38.Kd4 a6 39.a3 a5 40.Ke3 Kd5 41.Kf4 a4 0–1

W: Dean Brown
B: Ryan McCardell

Reti
1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0–0 0–0 7.d4 d6 8.d5 Nb4 9.a3 Na6 10.e4 Bg4 11.h3 Bd7 12.Kh2 Nc7 13.Rh1 b5 14.b3 b4 15.axb4 cxb4 16.Na2 Nxe4 17.Qe1 Nxg3 18.fxg3 Bxa1 19.Bh6 Bg7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Nxb4 Rb8 22.Qc3+ f6 23.Ng5 Qc8 24.Nc6 Bxc6 25.dxc6 Ne6 26.Nxe6+ Qxe6 27.Re1 Qf7 28.Bd5 Qe8 29.Qa5 Rxb3 30.Qxa7 Qa8 31.Rxe7+ Kh6 32.Rxh7+ Kg5 33.h4+ Kf5 34.Qf2+ 1–0

W: Renard Anderson
B: Randy Canney

Ruy Lopez
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Qe2 Be7 6.c3 b5 7.Bb3 0–0 8.0–0 d5 9.d3 Re8 10.h3 Bb7 11.Rd1 h6 12.Nbd2 Bf8 13.Nf1 Na5 14.Bc2 c5 15.Ne3 g6 16.Ng4 Nxg4 17.hxg4 Qd7 18.Nh2 Bg7 19.Qf3 d4 20.Qh3 g5 21.Nf1 Bc8 22.f3 Qe7 23.Ng3 Qf6 24.Nf5 Bxf5 25.gxf5 Kf8 26.cxd4 cxd4 27.Bd2 Nc6 28.Bb3 Rac8 29.Rdc1 Ne7 30.Bb4 Kg8 31.Rxc8 Rxc8 (Diag) 32.Bxe7 Qxe7 33.f6 1–0

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W: Bill Weihmiller
B: Joe Fromme

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Bf3 Nxe3 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.fxe3 Nc6 13.0–0–0+ Kc7 14.Nd5+ Bxd5 15.Bxd5 Nd8 16.Rhf1 f6 17.Be4 Bd6 18.Rd3 Nc6 19.Rc3 a5 20.a3 Kb6 21.Rd1 Rad8 22.Nd2 Kc7 23.Nc4 a4 24.Na5 (The threat is 25 Nxb7.) 1–0

W: Istvan Hornyak
B: Matt Tucker

Bird
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.b3 Bg4 6.Bb2 e6 7.0–0 Bd6 8.d3 0–0 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.Qe1 d4 11.a3 Nd5 12.Ne4 b5 13.Nxd6 Qxd6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.fxe5 Qxe5 16.Qf2 Qe3 17.Qxe3 Nxe3 18.Bxa8 Nxf1 19.Bc6 Rc8 20.Bxb5 Ne3 21.Kf2 Nxc2 22.Rc1 Rb8 23.Rxc2 Rxb5 24.b4 e5 25.bxc5 Rb7 26.e3 Bd1 27.Rd2 dxe3+ 28.Kxe3 f6 29.c6 Rb5 30.c7 Bg4 31.Rc2 Bc8 32.d4 exd4+ 33.Kxd4 Kf7 34.Kc4 a6 35.a4 Ra5 36.Kb4 Rd5 37.Ba3 Ke6 38.Kc4 a5 39.Re2+ Re5 40.Rxe5+ fxe5 41.Kc5 e4 42.Bb2 Kd7 43.Kb6 g6 44.Bc3 Kd6 45.Bxa5 Bd7 46.Bb4+ Kd5 47.a5 Kc4 48.Be1 1–0

W: Renard Anderson
B: Bill Weihmiller

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 Be7 8.g4 Nc6 9.g5 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Nh5 11.Rg1 0–0 12.Be3 Bd7 13.0–0–0 b5 14.e5 d5 15.Qh4 g6 16.Bxd5 Rc8 17.Bb3 Qc7 18.Ne4 Rfd8 19.Nf6+ Nxf6 20.gxf6 Bf8 21.Bh6 Bc5 22.Rd3 Qxe5 23.Rh3 Bd4 24.Bg7 b5 25.Qg5 Qxg5+ 26.Rxg5 Rc5 27.Rxc5 Bxc5 28.Rd3 Bf8 29.Bxf8 Kxf8 30.a4 Ke8 31.axb5 Bxb5 32.Rxd8+ Kxd8 33.Kd2 Kd7 34.f4 Kd6 35.Ke3 Bc6 36.Kd4 a5 37.c4 Bd7 38.c5+ Kc7 39.Bc2 Be8 40.Be4 a4 41.Kc3 Kd8 42.Kd4 Kc7 43.Ke5 h4 44.Kd4 Kd8 45.c6 Kc7 46.Kc5 e5 47.fxe5 g5 48.h3 1–0

W: Robert Rountree
B: Joe Pahk

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 a6 9.0–0–0 0–0 10.h4 Qa5 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Bh6 Be6 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Ne5 16.Be2 Rfc8 17.f4 Nc4 18.Qc3 Kg8 19.Qxc4 Qxc4 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.g3 Rac8 22.c3 Ne4 23.Rhg1 Nc5 24.Nxc5 R8xc5 25.Rge1 Kf8 26.Re2 Rc7 27.Red2 a5 28.Rd4 b5 29.Rxc4 Rxc4 30.Rd3 Ke8 31.b3 Re4 32.Kd2 Kd7 33.Re3 Rxe3 34.Kxe3 e6 35.Kd4 f6 36.dxe6+ Kxe6 37.g4 h5 38.gxh5 gxh5 39.Ke4 d5+ 40.Kf3 f5 41.Ke3 Kd7 42.Kd4 Kd6 43.a3 Ke6 44.Kc5 b4 45.cxb4 axb4 46.a4 1–0

W: Gerry Sunderland
B: Steve Endersbee

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Bg5 Nc6 9.Be2 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.Qxd5 Qc7 13.c3 0–0 14.0–0 Rad8 15.Rad1 Ne7 16.Qa5 Qxa5 17.Nxa5 Rd7 18.Nc4 d5 19.Nb6 Rd6 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Rxd5 Rfd8 22.Rfd1 Be7 23.Bc4 Kf8 24.Rxd6 Rxd6 25.Rxd6 Bxd6 26.a5 b5 27.axb6 a5 28.Kf1 f6 29.f3 Ke7 30.Ke2 Bb8 31.Bd5 Kd6 32.Kd3 Kc5 33.b7 h6 34.g3 Bc7 35.Ke3 g5 36.h4 f5 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.Be6 f4+ 39.gxf4 gxf4+ 40.Kf2 Kb6 41.Bd5 Bb8 42.Kg2 Kc5 43.Kh3 Kb6 44.Kg4 Kc7 45.Kf5 Kd8 46.Ke6 Bc7 47.Bc6 Bb8 48.Kd5 Bc7 49.Kc5 Bb8 50.Kb5 Kc7 51.Bd5 a4 52.Kxa4 Kb6 53.Kb4 Bd6+ 54.Ka4 Bb8 55.b4 Bc7 56.c4 Bb8 57.c5+ Kc7 58.b5 1–0

W: Lucas Caballero
B: Ken Johnson

QP
1.e3 e5 2.Ne2 d5 3.d4 Nc6 4.c3 e4 5.Ng3 Nf6 6.Be2 Bd6 7.Nh5 Nxh5 8.Bxh5 g6 9.Bg4 f5 10.Be2 Bd7 11.Nd2 Qe7 12.Nb3 0–0–0 13.Bf1 g5 14.Qe2 f4 15.exf4 gxf4 16.Bd2 Rhg8 17.0–0–0 Qf7 18.Kb1 Rde8 19.h3 Qg6 20.Ka1 a6 21.f3 Na7 22.Be1 e3 23.Nc5 Bb5 24.Nd3 c5 25.Rg1 Re6 26.h4 Bc7 27.Rh1 h5 28.a3 c4 29.Nb4 Rd8 30.Rc1 a5 31.Nc2 Rb6 32.Rg1 Bd7 33.Ka2 Re8 34.g3 fxg3 35.Nxe3 Bf4 36.Bd2 Rb3 37.Qg2 Qd6 38.Nxc4 dxc4 39.Bxf4 Qxf4 40.Bxc4 Rb6 41.Qxg3 Qf8 42.Qg5 Be6 43.Bxe6+ Rexe6 44.Qxh5 Kb8 45.Qg4 Qe7 46.Qg8+ Nc8 47.Qg3+ Ka7 48.h5 Re2 49.Rb1 a4 50.Rh1 Rb3 51.Ka1 Rxa3+ 52.bxa3 Qxa3# 0–1

W: Glenn Mullins
B: Jerry Maier

Torre
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 Be7 4.Nbd2 c5 5.c3 d5 6.e3 0–0 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0–0 a6 9.Re1 b5 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Bc2 Bb7 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.e4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Bxe4 Bxe4 16.Rxe4 Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Rfd8 18.Ree1 b4 19.Nd4 bxc3 20.bxc3 Rac8 21.Ne2 g5 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.f3 Rd2 24.a4 Rc2 25.Kf1 Ra2 26.c4 Rxa4 27.Rc1 Ra1 28.Rxa1 Bxa1 29.c5 a5 30.c6 Be5 31.Nd4! Kf8 32.Nb5 Bxh2 33.c7 Bxc7 34.Nxc7 a4 35.Nb5 Ke7 36.Ke2 f5 37.Kd3 h5 38.Ke3 Kf6 39.f4 e5 40.fxg5+ Kxg5 41.g3 Kg4 42.Kf2 Kh3 43.Kf3 e4+ 44.Kf4 e3 45.Nc3 a3 46.Kf3 h4 47.gxh4 Kxh4 48.Kxe3 Kg4 49.Kd2 f4 50.Kc2 f3 51.Nd1 Kg3 52.Kb3 Kg2 53.Kxa3 Kf1 54.Kb2 Ke2 55.Kc2 Ke1 56.Kc1 Ke2 57.Kc2 Ke1 58.Kc1 Ke2 59.Kc2 ½–½

Poems 'bout chess

by Anatoly Makarevich

Anatoly's note: You might want to read the poem(s) as a whole, read the black part only, and then read the white (and colorful) part only.

To Beth Struble, who taught me to love poetry, and to Paul Szeligowski, who taught me to love chess, and to my parents, who always encourage me. --AM

The board,
The pieces.
It's as Black and White as that
The Knight, the bishop,
The rook, the pawn,
It's as Black and White as that.
The king, the queen,
Strategy, tactics,
It's as Black and White as that.
The Sicilian,
The English,
It's as Black and White as that.
The blunders,
The sacs,
It's as Black and White as that.
The Pirc,
The French,
It's as Black and White as that.
Losses,
Wins,
It's as Black and White as that.
It's all chess.
Chess.
It's as colorful as that.

The checkered board.
It's as Black and White as that
The curvy Knight,
The pointy Bishop,
The stable Rook,
The small, fat Pawn,
The wise, wise King,
The wonderful Queen,
It's as Black and White as that.
The hard Strategy,
The openings,
The hard-fought English,
The classic Sicilian,
The nasty Pirc,
The blockade French,
It's as Black and White as that.
The tricky Tactics,
The horrible blunders,
The beautiful sacs,
It's as Black and White as that.
The sad, sad losses,
The good, happy wins,
It's as Black and White as that.
It's all chess.
The wonderful game.
Chess.
The never-ending game.
It's as colorful as that.

By Tim Brennan

One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics, such as the following from recent games played in Colorado. Answers on page 16

1. Doykos, Ken - Wall, Brian
Boulder Open 2008
Black to Move

2. MacMillan, S - Hilgers, M
Colorado Springs Open 2008
White to Move

3. Bloomer, J - Brennan, T
Poor Richards 2008
White to Move

4. Anderson, Paul - Pahk, Joe
CSCC March Quad 2008
Black to Move

5. Brown, D - McCardell, R
Colorado Springs Open 2008
White to Move

6. Divine,J - Carson, A
Pikes Peak Open 2007
White to Move

7. Schneider, K -McLaughlin, D
Winter Springs Open 2005
White to Move

8. Grimm, Paul - Foster, Cory
Loveland Open 2008
Black to Move

9. Short, P - Bennett, J
Wachusett CC 2008
Black to Move

Colorado Closed Games (continued)

(Continued from page 5)

5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Qa5 7.Nge2 b5 8.Bb3 Nd4 9.O-O e6 10.Nxd4 cd 11.Nd5 Bb7 12.Nf4 Ne7 13.a4 b4 14.g4 e5 15.Bxe7 ef 16.Bd6 Be5 17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.Qe1 f3 ?! (Ramirez) 19.Qxb4 Bc6 20.Kh1 h5 21.g5 Qxg5 22.Rg1 Qe5 23.Qd2 d6 24.Rg5 Qf6 25.Rag1 Bd7 26.e5 de 27.Rxe5+ Kf8 28.Qb4+ Kg7 29.Qxd4 Bh3 30.Rge1 Rhd8 31.Qe3 Bg2+ 32.Kg1 Rab8 (Diagram)

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33.Bxf7 Kxf7 34.Re6 Qf5 35.Re7+ Kg8 36.Qh6 Qf7 37.R1e6 Rb6 38.Rxf7 Kxf7 39.Qxg6+ 1-0

Round 4

W: Renard Anderson
B: Philipp Ponomarev

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nf4 4.d4 Ng6 5.f d6 6.Nf3 de 7.fe Bg4 8.Be2 c5 9.h3 Bf3 10.Bf3 Nc6 11.Bc6+ bc 12.e6 Qd4 13.ef Kd7 14.Be3 Qd1+ 15.Kd1 Ne5 16.Nd2 Nf7 17.Kc2 e5 18.Ne4 Ke6 19.Rhf1 Be7 20.Bc5 Bxc5 21.Nxc5+ Ke7 22.Rae1 Ra 23.Kc3 Rd6 24.Rf3 Re8 25.Ne4 Rg6 26. h6 27.Rf5 Re6 28.Ref1 Nd6 29.Nd6 Kd6 30.b4 Rge7 31.c5+ Kc7 32.Rf7 a5 33.ba Kb7 34.Rb1+ Ka6 35.Rb6+ Ka5 36.Re7 Rxe7 37.Kd3 e5+ 38.Ke3 Re6 39.h4 Rg 40.Kf4 e3 41.Ke3 Rg4 ½ - ½

Round 5

W: Philipp Ponomarev
B: Robert Ramirez

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.ed Nxd5 4.Bc4 Be6 5.Qf3 c6 6.Nge2 Nc7 7.Bb3 g6 8.d4 Bg7 9.Be3 Bxb3 10.ab Nba6 11.O-O Nb4 12.Rfc1 O-O 13.Ne4 f5 14.Nc5 b6 15.Na Qd5 16.Qxd5+ Nbxd5 17.Bd2 Ne6 18.c3 Rfd8 19.b4 Ndc7 20.Rd1 c5 (draw offer) 21.Nxc5 [Ed. note: Is this right? Not sure of future moves if so.] bc 22.dc a5 23.ba Nxc5 24.Be3 Nb3 25.Rab1 Rxd1+ 26.Rxd1 Rxa5 27.Bb6 Rd5 28.Rxd5 Nxd5 29.Ba7 Na5 30.Kf1 Nc4 31.b4 Nxc3 32.Nxc3 Bxc3 33.b5 Ba5 34.Ke2 Bb6 35.Bxb6 Nxb6 36.Kd3 e5 37.Kc3 Kf7 38.Kb4 Ke6 39.Kc5 Nd7+ 0-1

Want to be the next editor of the Colorado Chess Informant? See page 2 (editor's column) for details!!

Tactics Time answers:

If you have a position from a game played in Colorado with an interesting tactic please send it to me! It can be anything from a mate in one to a deep combination that only you and Deep Blue could have possibly figured out! TimmyBx@aol.com

1. During his lesson on how to play against the "Wild" in The People's Republic of Boulder, Ken attacked Brian's Queen with 1. e3 Brian ignores this, and plays the in between move 1. ..Nxe5! threatening the king and queen fork with Nf3+. Black wins a piece.
2. Shaun did a cool Bxh7 Bishop sac a few moves ear- lier. The only way for black to survive was to bring his king out to defend itself just like Macaulay Culkin did in Home Alone. "Keep the change you filthy animal!!!" After 1. Qh5 it's over. For example 1...Qxg5 2.hxg5 f6 3 g6 fxe5 4.Qh7#
3. During this game the staff at Poor Richards was singer coffee, and Josh was serving PAIN! 1.Re8+ Kg7 2.Re1 (clearance, double attack theme—threatening the knight fork Ne8+) Kg6 3.Rxb1 wins a piece.
4. The shortest path to victory is ..Nc6 followed by 2. ..R7d4# Be sure and join Paul's excellent newsletter at http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/cs_chess/ if you haven't already.
5. The "Dean" of Colorado Chess took a timeout from playing 100 games at one time on RedHotPawn.com to unleash a mate in 7 with 1. Rxe7+ Rf7 2.Rxf7+ Kh6 3.Rxh7+ Kg5 4.h4+ Kf5 5.Qf2+ Rf3 6.Qxf3+ Ke5 7.Qf4#
6. To err is human, to win a queen, "Divine". After 1. b3 Anthea does not have time to save her queen, and stop the mating net after 2. Qf6. Check out funny and educational videos of Anthea at www.youtube.com/TimmyBx teaching openings from her book "How to Play Chess like an Animal", now available at a Borders bookstore near you, or chesslikeananimal.com.
7. Kathy's opponent screamed "Don't taze me bro!" after 1. Qd7+ Kf8 2. Nh7+ Kg8 3. Qf7#
8. 1. ..Qb4 protects the dangerous criminal passed pawn and threatens Re1+. White's best defense is 2. c3 Qxc3 3. Bxd5+ Nxd5 4. Qxc3 Nxc3 5. Rxa2 and white is down a piece. This game was a long battle that eventually ended in a draw.
9. 1. ..d3 causes a lot of problems for white, who has fallen behind in development, and faces a killer bishop pair. Pete later won this game, scoring a 300+ pt upset after black got too creative in the endgame. It's not over til the fat lady sings!

by Lee Lahti

G/29 Grand Prix Update

The 2008 G/29 Grand Prix is approaching the halfway point, with 5 events currently completed. The June event in Cheyenne will be completed before this edition of the Informant comes out – just too late for the results to be included.

Fort Collins hosted its 2nd event of the 2008 Grand Prix in April, in conjunction with a silent auction fundraiser for the CSCA Denker and Polgar representatives. The turnout was strong, but not as large as the 1st event hosted by Fort Collins – with 16 players participating (including 6 newcomers). Grand Prix newcomers Brad Lundstrom and Zachary Bekkedahl, both playing in their first tournaments in over a year, were the only players to go unscathed and finished the event tied for 1st with perfect scores of 3 out of 3. Newcomer Daniel de Vries, and Grand Prix veterans Markus Petters, Cory Foster, Gannon White, and Gary Dorsey each finished tied for 2nd with 2 out of 3. And through the silent auction and donations of the players and the Fort Collins Chess Club, we raised $50 for the Denker and Polgar funds.

Boulder joined Fort Collins, Greeley, and Cheyenne as Grand Prix hosts, by running the May G/29 event. I'm not sure if it was bad timing with classes at CU having finished the week before or hosting the event the Wednesday after Memorial Day, but the turnout for the Boulder event was our lowest yet – only 12 players. However, by hosting the event in Boulder it did allow 6 of the Boulder club regulars to participate in there first Grand Prix event. Even with the smaller turnout, the competition was just as fierce with several evenly match opponents and several draw results. A full 75% of the players finished with even or better scores. In the end, Top-seeded David Bowers became only the 2nd player to win a G/29 Grand Prix event outright! Chris Wall, Klaus Johnson, Gannon White and I finished with 2 out of 3.

Players earn Grand Prix points for both participation and performance in G/29 Grand Prix events. A player can earn a maximum of 4 points per tournament (finishing with 3 wins and earning the 1-point participation bonus). After 5 events, we have a new overall leader – Gannon White with 15 points. Randy Reynolds is still near the top of the standings, in second place overall with 12.5 points. I am following just behind Randy in third place overall with 12 points. The next several positions are closely contested, with many players with 5-9.5 points in a tight pack just behind the leaders.

A total of 41 different players have participated in at least one of the five events held so far. Hopefully this number continues to increase as the G/29 Grand Prix moves into its second half. The Greeley Chess Club is hosting the next event on Tuesday, July 22nd, with the Boulder Chess Club hosting August event on Wednesday, August 27th.

Keep an eye on the Informant and the colorado-chess.com and wyoming-chess.com websites for more information about the G/29 Grand Prix, including our upcoming tournament schedule. If you have any questions about the G/29 Grand Prix, please contact me by e-mail at lee.lahti@comcast.net or by phone at 970-372-8590.

What's next for G/29 Grand Prix?

July 22nd	Greeley
August 27th	Boulder
September 16th	Fort Collins

See www.colorado-chess.com for more details on these events.

G/29 Grand Prix Standings

after 5 events

	Totals	
Name	Score	Average Rating
Gannon White	15.0	1414
Randy S Reynolds	12.5	1608
Lee Lahti	12.0	1292
Dean H Mitchell	9.5	1466
Gary Dorsey	9.0	1255
Cory E Foster	9.0	1233
Archie E Shipp	8.5	1214
Klaus R Johnson	8.0	1626
Markus D Petters	7.0	1959
Frank A Deming	6.0	1770
Travis J Pape	6.0	1052
Alexand Mc Mahon	5.5	1030
Ben Rosehart	5.0	1312
David Bowers	4.0	1954
Brad Lundstrom	4.0	1903
Ryan Crisp	4.0	1590
Zachary Bekkedahl	4.0	1581
Ron Fertig	4.0	1203
James Kulbacki	3.0	1779
Jay Shaeffer	3.0	1658
Chris Wall	3.0	1651
Daniel DeVries	3.0	1579
David Brunner	3.0	1411
Shawn Svare	2.5	1574
Allan Cunningham	2.5	1419
Corey Fineman	2.5	1337
Jerry Keker	2.5	1240
Peter Lundstrom	2.5	1038
George Voorhis	2.0	1837
Vlad Jan Gaciu	2.0	1761
Brian Lee Walker	2.0	1489
Chaitany Neuhaus	2.0	1463
Bogdan Mi Pisica	2.0	1438
Anatoly Makarevich	2.0	1287
Ken Johnson	2.0	960
Chad Martostica	2.0	833
Derek Williams	2.0	731
Martin Leon	2.0	642
Robert Ponciano	2.0	608
William Chronopoulos	1.5	562
Ginny Gaige	1.0	768

by Paul Anderson

It was the best of games. It was the worst of games. I have now played two Grandmasters. One was at the beginning of my recorded chess career. One was at the Bobby Fischer Memorial, 22 years later.

It was the notation of wisdom. It was the notation of foolishness. By the time I played in the Bobby Fischer Memorial, I had mastered algebraic notation. I know some people have a great deal of anxiety towards mathematics and just the sound of algebraic notation sends them running from the chessboard. However, my 5 semesters of engineering and logical mind provided me with enough confidence that I could master 8 letters and 8 numbers to determine the position of a point, line, curve, plane, pawn, knight, bishop, rook, queen, or king in a space of a given dimension with respect to a system of lines or other fixed references. How simple. Of course, by this time I had experience recording each move in a legible fashion for 453 games. My main problem is getting the right move in the right box on the score sheet, but in my most recent game against a GM, I must say I was at or near the best recording I have ever done. However, my first game against a GM was also my first recorded game ever. The only preparation I did for the game was trying to figure out how to write the moves. Unfortunately, I picked up my father's childhood chess books and learned that English notation was the most popular system in the US back in the 50's. Who knew it had changed by 1986? I did fine with the moves, but I have no idea what I was thinking on some of the annotations. I put an arrow on my move 17, and I assume I did not mean "with attack". Hopefully, I confused the GM and made him think there was more there than just a bad move, like the time I had an opponent who thought check was notated with an exclamation point. I was confused as to why he thought bringing his queen out early was such a good move as it lead to a series of exclamation points for me, ending in a double exclamation point (if you know what I mean)!!

It was the epoch of adjournment. It was the epoch of time delay. My first experience playing a GM was un-timed, as it occurred during a simultaneous exhibition. Of course, there was a limit to the amount of time I had to think about each move, but it varied depending upon how long the GM took to make his way around all the other boards. In my second experience playing a GM, the time control was game in 2 hours (G/2). The first day of the tournament, I had adjusted my clock until 1:20 showed in the display. However, the first game ended so quickly time was never an issue. The second game lasted almost the entire 4 hours. Since the GM was late the next day, I set up my clock at the board. When he finally showed up, he had little trouble making up the time he had lost, and soon I was falling behind. As I looked at the clock, I realized our game was much further along than anyone else's game. How could this be? I played for 4 hours yesterday, but this game looks like it couldn't even last 3 hours. An hour and 20 minutes had just vanished into thin air like an airplane in a David Copperfield trick. Suddenly, it occurred to me that I never used my clock yesterday. I had used my opponent's clock in both games, and now I just had put a clock on my game with the GM at 1 hour and 20 minutes not 120 minutes. Both of us were short 40 minutes. So I approached the TD about the situation, apologized to the GM, stopped the clocks, and added the additional time. It turns out I was the one who needed the extra time as my final moves were played in blitz mode with the GM having ample time to methodically mop up the last of my hopes for a draw.

It was the season of White. It was the season of Blackness. By the time of the Bobby Fischer Memorial, I was the proud owner of my own tournament chess set. It came in handy, as my game against the GM was the first round of the final day, and the GM had not shown up. As I unpacked my canvas, custom-created, chess carrying case and unrolled my vinyl green and buff chessboard, I set up my high-quality, black & ivory, weighted plastic chess pieces including the 4 inch king. Since I was white, I pushed my pawn to c4 and began fantasizing about the possibility of beating a GM in one move. I only had an hour to wait. However, in my first attempt against a GM I did not have the benefit of such fine equipment. I did not even own my own chess set. I had to grab the cardboard box with the torn corners that held the slab of cardboard folded in half and the miniscule pieces that tended to fly away if anyone turned on the air conditioning with the ½ inch king as I headed out the door to the simultaneous exhibition. Of course, as is the custom, all challengers had to play as black against the GM, which wasn't much of a handicap for me as I was equally bad on both sides of the board at this point in my chess career.

We had everyone around us. We had no one around us. My first experience playing a GM was as part of a large group of chess players taking on the GM all at the same time. I had very little experience playing chess prior to this event as, after learning the moves, I found myself in the wide chasm between being able to beat my older sister and not being able to beat my dad. However, any invitation to be included in one of my dad's activities was met with great expectations. Plus, my lack of experience would certainly be hidden in the crowd of people who had turned out for the event. I happily chose a seat next to my dad, I tried to survive as long as he did, and we resigned on the same move. In my second experience playing a GM, it was a tournament game with myself facing the GM head to head. This time I had no place to hide. I was alone on an island, called board 1. To make matters worse, Joe Fromme set up a demonstration board on the stage behind us and played out each move as we made them. Now, even the laziest of chess players could have seen all my embarrassing blunders without even leaving their seats.

It was the opening of hope. It was the end game of despair. By the time of the Bobby Fischer Memorial, I had a better understanding of the opening moves of chess. I had gotten twice as far into the book as I did the first time out, and when I departed from the book, it was deliberate. I can't say it was the best plan, but I found myself in a common battle of life trying to decide between playing it safe or taking a risk. Unfortunately, I never really resolved the conflict in my mind and continued to switch between the options on alternating moves. I thought, "Yes, I will attack and annihilate him, before he does the same to me." So I pushed the h pawn. But then I thought, "No, wait, wasn't it Rommel who said that? Didn't he lose? I should cattle kingside and away from these advancing pawns." So I pushed the g pawn. Finally, I thought, "It's better to burn out than fade away!" So, I sent my forces running through the forest silently chanting, "Gunter glieben glauchen globen!"

We were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way– in short, the simultaneous exhibition was so unlike the present game, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only. So, as I reflect back on these two games against Grandmasters, I realize there are really only two things I can truly say I learned from this experience:

Bisguier is spelled with a "G" not a "Q" like I originally thought, and it is a far, far better game that I played, than I have ever played it is a far, far better rest I go to until the next time I play a Grandmaster.

Games from the Bobby Fischer Memorial

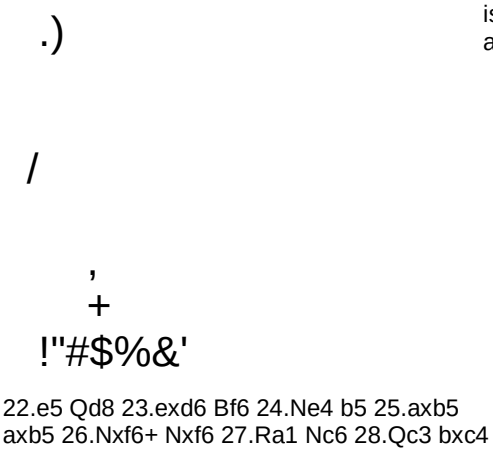
prepared & annotated by Richard Buchanan

W: Alexander Cacas
B: Brian Wall

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Qd2 Qxb2 (The Poisoned Pawn variation - very suitable for a Bobby Fischer Memorial!) 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Nb3 Be7 12.0–0 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Kh1 Qb4 15.Ne2 Qxd2 16.Nxd2 Ke7 17.Nc4 b5 18.Nb6 Ra7 19.Nxc8+ Rxc8 20.c4 b4 21.Rfc1 g5 22.g3 a5 23.c5 d5 24.e5 Bg7 25.Bb5 f6 26.exf6+ Bxf6 27.Rc2 Nd4 28.Nxd4 Bxd4 29.c6 gxf4 30.gxf4 Kd6 31.Kg2 Rf7 32.Rf1 Be3 33.f5 exf5 34.Re2 f4 35.Rxe3 Rg7+ 0–1

W: Renard Anderson
B: Klaus Johnson

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.g4 h6 7.h3 Nc6 8.Bg2 Be7 9.Nde2 Bd7 10.0–0 Ne5 11.a4 a6 12.b3 Qc7 13.Be3 b6 14.f4 Nc6 15.Qd2 Rc8 16.Rac1 Nh7 17.Ng3 Bh4 18.Nce2 0–0 19.Rcd1 Be7 20.c4 Na5 21.Qb4 Rb8 (Diagram)



22.e5 Qd8 23.exd6 Bf6 24.Ne4 b5 25.axb5 axb5 26.Nxf6+ Nxf6 27.Ra1 Nc6 28.Qc3 bxc4 29.bxc4 Re8 30.Nd4 Qc8 31.Nb5 e5 32.Nc7 Nd4 33.Bxd4 exd4 34.Qxd4 Re2 35.Rf2 Rxf2 36.Kxf2 Kh7 37.Bf3 Be6 38.Ra2 Rb4 39.Rc2 Qb8 40.Na6 Qb6 41.c5 Rxd4 42.cxb6 Rxd6 43.b7 Nd7 44.b8Q Nxb8 45.Nxb8 Kg6 46.f5+ 1–0

W: Reuben Sbarge
B: Paul Anderson

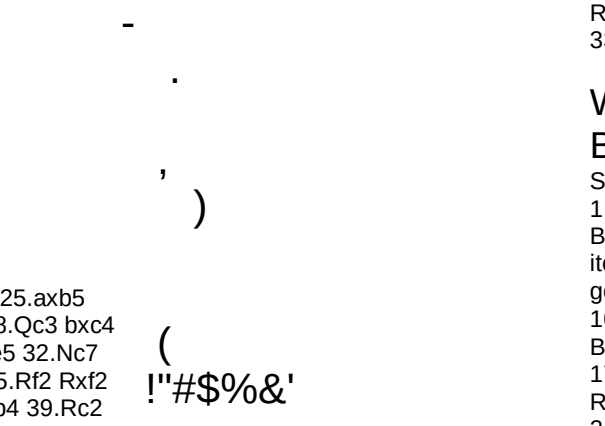
Caro-Kann
1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.h3 Bh5 5.exd5 cxd5 6.Bb5+ Nc6 7.g4 Bg6 8.Ne5 Rc8 9.d4 e6 10.h4 f6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.Qd3 Kf7 14.h5 gxh5 15.Rxh5 Rxh5 16.gxh5 f5 17.Bf4 Qh4 18.Qa6 Re8 19.Be5 Qh1+ 20.Kd2 Qxa1 21.Nd1 Nf6 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qxa7+ Re7 24.Qa4 Bh6+ 0–1

W: Tim Brennan
B: Larry Wutt

Trompowsky
1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.Nf3 Be7 4.e3 b6 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.0–0 h6 7.Bh4 d6 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.c4 Nh5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.b4 0–0 12.a4 f5 13.b5 Nhf6 14.a5 Rab8 15.axb6 axb6 16.Qc2 g5 17.Rfc1 Qh7 18.d5 Nc5 19.dxe6 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Ne4 21.Nd4 Nc5 22.Qc2 Rf6 23.e7 Re8 24.Nc6 Bxc6 25.bxc6 Qxe7 26.Ra7 Rc8 27.Rca1 Qe8 28.Nb3 Qxc6 29.Nd4 Qe4 30.Qb2 f4 31.Nb5 Rf7 32.Nxd6 cxd6 33.Rxf7 Kxf7 34.Ra7+ Kg6 35.Rg7+ Kh5 36.Qe2+ f3 37.gxf3 Qf5 38.Kg2 Ne6 39.f4+ Qg4+ 40.Qxg4+ Kxg4 41.Rg6 Re8 42.fxg5 hxg5 43.Rf6 Kh5 44.Rf7 Nc5 45.Rc7 Re4 46.Rc6 Rxc4 47.Rxb6 Ne4 48.Rb8 ½–½

W: Robert Rountree
B: Jeff Sallade

Two Knights
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 Bc5!? (The ferocious Wilkes-Barre Gambit) 5.Nxf7 Bxf2+ 6.Kf1 Qe7 7.Nxh8 d5! 8.Bxd5?! (6 exd5 is the usual move. The bishop capture removes a guard from e2.) 8...Bg4 (Diagram)



9.Kxf2 Bxd1 10.Rxd1 Nxd5 (In a 1966 match with Kirk Halliday, I played 10...Nxe4+ 11 Bxe4, Qh4+ 12 g3 (12Ke3, Qf4+ 13 Kd3, Nb4+) Qxe4 with a Black win on move 25. But Kirk won the match.) 11.exd5 Qh4+ 12.Kg1 Qd4+ 13.Kh1 Qxd5 14.Nc3 Qc5 15.Rf1 0–0–0 16.Nf7 Rf8 17.d3 e4 18.Nxe4 Qxc2? 19.Nfd6+ cxd6 20.Rxf8+ Kc7 21.Rf7+ Kb6 22.Be3+ Ka6 23.Rf3 Ne5 24.Rg3 Qxd3 25.Nc3 Nc4 26.Bf4 Qd4 27.Rf3 Nxb2 28.Rb1 Nd3 29.Ne2 Nf2+ 30.Kg1 Nh3+ 31.Kf1 Qe4 32.Ra3+ 1–0

W: Peter Swan
B: Glenn Mullins

Nimzoindian
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne4 7.Qd3 c6 8.Nd2 f5 9.Nxe4 fxe4 10.Qg3 0–0 11.Bf4 Qa5 12.Bd6 Rf7 13.Bb4 Qd8 14.e3 Qf6 15.Be2 Na6 16.Bd6 Qf5 17.0–0 Bd7 18.Rab1 b6 19.cxd5 b5 20.dxc6 Bxc6 21.Bg4 Qd5 22.Qe5 Re8 23.Qxd5 exd5 24.f3 exf3 25.Rbe1 fxg2 26.Rxf7 Kxf7 27.Kxg2 Kf6 28.h4 Re4 29.Kf3 Bb7 30.Rg1 h5 31.Bd7 Kf7 32.Bxb5 Rxh4 33.Be5 Rh3+ 34.Kf4 Rh4+ 35.Kg5 Rh3 36.Rf1+ Ke6 37.Bd3 Rxe3 38.Bf5+ Ke7 39.Bg6 Rxc3 40.Rf7+ Kd8 41.Rxb7 Rxa3 42.Rxa7 Ra2 43.Rxg7 Rg2+ 44.Kxh5 Nb4 45.Bf6+ Kc8 46.Bf5+ Kb8 47.Rf7 Rg8 48.Be6 Re8 49.Be7 Nc6 50.Bd6+ Ka8 51.Bxd5 Rh8+ 52.Kg6 Rc8 53.Kf6 1–0

W: Dashzeveg Sharavdorj
B: DuWayne Langseth

QGD
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0–0 6.e3 b6 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Bb7 9.0–0 c5 10.Qe2 Nd5 11.Bg3 a6 12.Rad1 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Qc8 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.e4 Nf6 16.Bb1 b5 17.Ne5 Rd8 18.Bh4 Qc7 19.Bg3 Bd6 20.f4 cxd4 21.cxd4 Rac8 22.f5 exf5 23.Rxf5 Qe7 24.Rdf1 Bxe5 25.Bxe5 Nd7 (Another Fischer-like game: he liked a queen against two rooks.) 26.Rxf7 Qxf7 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.Bf4 Nf6 29.e5 Re8 30.Be3 Nd5 31.Qh5+ Kf8 32.Qf5+ Nf6 33.exf6 Rxe3 34.fxg7+ Kxg7 35.Qg5+ 1–0

W: Brian Wall
B: Shaun MacMillan

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 (Another Fischer favorite) 7...0–0 8.0–0 (8...except Bobby would have gone the other way) 8...Ng4 9.Qxg4 Nxd4 10.Qd1 Nc6 11.h3 Qa5 12.Qd2 d6 13.Bh6 Be6 14.Bb3 Rac8 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.f4 Qc5+ 17.Kh1 b5 18.f5 gxf5 19.Qg5+ Kh8 20.exf5 Rg8 21.Qf4 Bxb3 22.cxb3 Ne5 23.f6 Ng6 24.Qh6 Qc6 25.Qd2 Nh4 26.Rf2 e6 27.Rd1 b4 28.Na4 Nf5 29.Qxb4 Rg3 30.Kh2 Rcg8 31.Rg1 Ne3 32.Qd2 d5 33.Rf3 Qd6 34.Kh1 Rxf3 35.gxf3 Rxg1+ 36.Kxg1 Qg3+ 37.Kh1

Qxf3+ 38.Kg1 Qg3+ 39.Kh1 Qf3+ ½–½

W: Jeff Fox
B: Tyler Hughes

English
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.c4 0–0 5.0–0 d6 6.Nc3 e5 7.d3 Re8 8.Qc2 c6 9.Bd2 d5 10.e4 dxc4 11.dxc4 Na6 12.Rad1 Qc7 13.a3 Be6 14.b3 Bf8 15.Bc1 b5 16.cxb5 cxb5 17.b4 Rac8 18.Bd2 Red8 19.Rc1 Qb8 20.Qb2 h6 21.Rfe1 Bc4 22.Bf1 Bxf1 23.Kxf1 Re8 24.Be3 Qb7 25.Nd2 Ng4 26.f3 Nxe3+ 27.Rxe3 Nc7 28.Nb3 Rcd8 29.Qe2 Qa6 30.Na5 Re6 31.Rd3 Rxd3 32.Qxd3 Qd6 33.Rd1 Qxd3+ 34.Rxd3 Rd6 35.Rxd6 Bxd6 36.Nc6 a6 37.Ke2 Kf8 38.Ke3 Ke8 39.f4 exf4+ 40.gxf4 Kd7 41.Nd4 Bf8 42.Nb3 Kc6 43.Nd4+ Kd7 44.Nb3 Be7 45.Ne2 Bd6 46.Ned4 Ne6 47.Nxe6 Kxe6 48.Nd4+ Kd7 49.e5 Be7 50.Ke4 Kc7 51.Kd5 Kb6 52.f5 gxf5 53.Nxf5 Bg5 54.Nd6 Bc1 55.Nxf7 Bxa3 56.e6 Bxb4 57.Nd6 1–0

W: John Flores
B: Renard Anderson

King's Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0–0 5.e4 d6 6.h3 Nbd7 7.Be3 e5 8.Bd3 c6 9.Qb3 Qa5 10.0–0 exd4 11.Bxd4 Nc5 12.Qc2 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 Be6 14.Nd2 Rad8 15.f4 d5 16.Qe3 dxe4 17.Bxa7 Rd3 (Diagram)

18.Nb3 Qa6 19.Qc5 Ra8 20.Bb6 Nd7 21.Qg5 Qxb6+ 22.c5 Nxc5 23.Nxc5 Bd4+ 24.Kh1 Qxc5 25.f5 Bxf5 26.Ne2 Be6 27.Qf4 Be5 28.Qg5 Qd6 29.Nf4 Bxf4 30.Rxf4 Rd5 0–1

W: Paul Anderson
B: Ted Doykos

QGD
1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.a3 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4 Be7 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.h4 Na6 11.g3 Qb6 12.Bh3 c5 13.Nfg5 cxd4 14.Qe2 h6 15.Nxf7 Kxf7 16.Qf3+ Kg8 17.Qh5 Nac7 18.Qg6 Rf8 19.0–0 Bc6 20.h5 Be8 21.Qg4 d3 22.Nd2 Bc5 23.Ne4 Rf5 24.Nf6+ Nxf6 25.exf6 Rxf6 26.Bf4 Bd6 27.Be3 Bc5 28.Bf4 Bd4 29.Bxc7 Bxf2+ 30.Kh2 Qxc7 31.Rad1 Qe5 32.Rd2 Bd4 33.Rf4 Rxf4 34.gxf4 Qf5 35.Qf3 Bc6 36.Qxc6 Qxf4+ 37.Kh1 Qxd2 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Qg6+ Kg8 40.Bxe6+ 1–0 Turnaround time!

W: Larry Wutt
B: Munir Hammad

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.f4 d5 4.Nf3 d4 5.Bb5+ Nc6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.Ne2 Nf6 8.d3 Be7 9.0–0 0–0 10.Qe1 Rb8 11.Ne5 Qb6 12.Kh1 Ba6 13.b3 Rfe8 14.Qg3 Nxe4 15.dxe4 Bxe2 16.Rf2 Ba6 17.f5 Qc7 18.f6 Bf8 19.Bh6 g6 20.Qg5 Bd6 21.Ng4 e5 22.Bg7 h5 23.Qh6 1–0

W: David Meliti
B: Reuben Sbarge

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nge2 d6 6.d3 Nf6 7.h3 0–0 8.Be3 Ne8 9.Qd2 Nd4 10.Rb1 Rb8 11.Nd5 Nc7 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Bh6 e5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.h4 h6 16.0–0 Nxd5 17.exd5 f5 18.f4 b6 19.c3 dxc3 20.Qxc3 Re8 21.Rfe1 Qe7 22.Re3 Ba6 23.Rbe1 Rbc8 24.Qa3 Bb5 25.Qb4 Qd7 26.fxe5 dxe5 27.Rxe5 Rxe5 28.Rxe5 Kf6 29.Qd4 Kf7 30.d6 Re8 31.Bd5+ 1–0

W: Fred Eric Spell
B: Cory Foster

QGD
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3 c5 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 cxd4 9.exd4 Nb6 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 12.Ne5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nxd7 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qxd7 16.0–0 Rc8 17.Qf3 0–0 18.Rfb1 b6 19.a4 Rc4 20.a5 b5 21.a6 Rb8 22.Qd3 Rbc8 23.Rb3 R8c7 24.Rab1 Qc8 25.h3 Qxa6 26.Rxb5 Qa3 27.Qxc4! Rxc4 28.Rb8+ Qf8 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.Rb3 g6 31.Kf1 a5 32.Ra3 a4 33.Ke2 Rc7 34.Kd3 Ra7 35.Kc4 h5 36.Kb4 Rb7+ 37.Kxa4 Rb2 38.c4 Rxf2 39.Rc3 Rxg2 40.Kb3 Rd2 41.c5 Rxd4 42.c6 Rd8 43.c7 Rc8 44.Kb4 Ke7 45.Kb5 Kd6 46.Kb6 f5 47.Rd3+ Ke5 48.Rd8 Rxc7 49.Kxc7 f4 50.Rd1 f3 51.Re1+ Kf4 52.Rxe6 f2 53.Rf6+ Kg3 54.Rxg6+ Kxh3 55.Rf6 Kg2 56.Rg6+ Kf1 57.Rh6 Kg2 58.Rg6+ Kf1 59.Rh6 Kg2 60.Rg6+ ½–½

W: Rhett Langseth
B: Robert Rountree

King's Indian Attack
1.Nf3 d5 2.d3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 g6 5.0–0 Bg7 6.Nc3 0–0 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.Qc1 Re8 9.Bh3 Qc7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qh6 Bg7 12.Qd2 e5 13.e4 Nf6 14.Bxc8 Raxc8 15.a4 Rcd8 16.Rfe1 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Rxe4 f5 19.Rb4 e4 20.Ne1 Rd5 21.d4 Red8 22.c3 c5 23.Rc4 Qb6 24.Qe2 cxd4 25.cxd4 Rxd4 26.a5 Qb5 27.Rxd4 Qxe2 28.Rxd8+ Bf8 29.Rb1 e3 30.fxe3 Qxe3+ 31.Kf1 b6 32.axb6 axb6 33.Rbd1 Qc5 34.R1d2 Kg7 35.R2d5 Qc4+ 36.Nd3 Bc5 37.R8d7+ Kh6 38.h3 Qa6 39.Kg2 Qc4 40.Nxc5 bxc5 41.Rd3 Qe4+ 42.Kf2 c4 43.R7d4 Qb7 44.Rd2 Qb3 45.Kg2 c3 46.bxc3 Qxc3 ½–½

W: Renard Anderson
B: Jeff Fox

Gurgenidze
1.e4 c6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.f4 d5 5.e5 h5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.0–0 Nh6 9.Be3 Nf5 10.Bf2 Nd7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 h4 13.Bg4 Bf8 14.Ne2 c5 15.c4 Nb6 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.Qa4+ Qd7 18.Qxd7+ Kxd7 19.Bxf5 gxf5 20.dxc5 Rc8 21.Rac1 Be7 22.Rfd1 Rhd8 23.b4 Ke8 24.a3 Rd7 25.Kf1 Rdc7 26.Nd4 a6 (Diagram)

27.Nxf5 exf5 28.Rxd5 b6 29.Rcd1 bxc5 30.bxc5 Rc6 31.Ke2 Rg6 32.Kf3 Rh6 33.Rb1 Rhc6 34.a4 Re6 35.Rd3 Rec6 36.Rb6 Bd8 37.Rxc6 Rxc6 38.Rd6 Rxd6 39.exd6 Kd7 40.Ke3 Kc6 41.Kd4 Bf6+ 42.Kc4 Bd8 43.g3 hxg3 44.Bxg3 Bf6 45.h4 Bg7 46.Bf2 Bf6 47.h5 Bg7 48.Be3 f6 49.Kb4 1–0

W: Larry Wutt
B: Brian Wall

Alekhine
1.e4 Nf6(Well, Fischer played this occasionally. Likewise the KIA Brian played in rd. 4. But Bobby wouldn't have gone for a 17 move

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draw!) 2.e5 Nd5 3.Nf3 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.d4 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Bf4 0–0 8.0–0 Nc6 9.Nc3 Bg4 10.exd6 cxd6 11.d5 Na5 12.Nd2 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Re8 15.Rac1 Naxc4 16.Nde4 Ne5 17.Bg3 Ned7 18.Rcd1 Nf6 19.h3 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Qd7 21.b3 h6 22.Rd3 Qf5 23.Red1 g5 24.Rf3 Qg6 25.Qd3 Rc7 26.Re3 f5 27.Nd2 Rc3 28.Qb1 Nxd5 29.Re2 Rxg3 30.fxg3 Nc3 0–1

W: Tyler Hughes
B: Klaus Johnson

QGD
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Qc2 0–0 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Nge2 Re8 10.0–0 Ne4 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Bf4 f5 13.Nb5! Nf6 14.Nc7 Nd5 15.Qb3 Kh8 16.Nxa8 Nxf4 17.Nxf4 Bd6 18.Rfd1 g5 19.Ne2 f4 20.Nc3 Bg4 21.Qxb7 Qf6 22.Qxc6 Re6 23.Nxe4 Qh6 24.Nxd6 Qh5 25.f3 Rxd6 26.Qxd6 Bxf3 27.Qf8# 1–0

W: Ted Doykos
B: John Flores

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Nf3 e6 6.cxd4 Nc6 7.Nc3 Nc7 8.Bd3 d5 9.Bg5 Be7 10.h4 Bd7 11.Rc1 h6 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Qd2 Qb4 14.Bb1 0–0–0 15.0–0 Rdg8 16.a4 a6 17.Rfd1 g5 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.Nxg5 Nxd4 20.Nxd5 Ne2+ 21.Qxe2 exd5 22.Nxf7 Rxg2+ 23.Kf1 Rg1+ 24.Kxg1 Rg8+ 0–1

W: Tim Brennan
B: Gary Bagstad

Bird
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 g6 4.b3 Bg7 5.Bb2 0–0 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Be2 Bg4 9.0–0 Nd7 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nxc3 12.dxc3 dxc4 13.Qc2 Qb6 14.Rfe1 cxb3 15.axb3 f5 16.c4 e5 17.Kh1 e4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qc3+ Kg8 20.Be2 c5 21.Red1 Nf6 22.Rd2 Rfd8 23.Rb2 Qd6 24.b4 cxb4 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.c5 Qxc5 27.Rc2 Qe7 28.Rac1 a6 29.Rc7 Rd7 30.Rxd7 Qxd7 31.Qxb4 b5 32.Qa5 Ra7 33.Qb6 Qb7 34.Qd8 Nd5 35.Rc8 Qf7 36.Qh8+ Kh6 37.g4 g5 38.Rc6+ 1–0

W: Yelena Kandybey
B: Dashzeveg Samdan

QGD
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 0–0 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.g4 Bg6 12.Bxg6 fxg6 13.a3 Ne4 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Ne5 Qd5 17.Qc2 c6 18.Qc4 Qxc4 19.Nxc4 Kh7 20.Nd6 Ng8 21.Nxe4 Nf6 22.Nxf6+ Rxf6 23.f4 Re8 24.Kd2 Rd6 25.Rac1 Rd5 26.Rc5 Red8 27.Rxd5 Rxd5 28.b4 a5 29.Kc3 b6 30.Rb1 a4 31.e4 Rd8 32.Kc4 g5 33.f5 g6 34.f6 Kg8 35.e5 Kf7 36.Rd1 Ke6 37.Rf1 Rf8 38.f7 Rxf7 39.Rxf7 Kxf7 40.b5 c5 41.dxc5 bxc5 42.Kxc5 Ke6 43.Kc6 Kxe5 44.b6 h5 45.b7 Kf4 46.b8Q+and White won1–0

W: Dashzegve Sharavdorj
B: Renard Anderson

King's Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0–0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.0–0 Nbd7 8.Be3 c6 9.d5 c5 10.Ne1 Ne8 11.g4 f5 12.gxf5 gxf5 13.exf5 Ndf6 14.Nf3 e4 15.Ng5 Bxf5 16.Kh1 Qe7 17.Rg1 Kh8 18.Rg3 Nc7 19.Qd2 Rae8 20.Rag1 Rg8 21.Bxc5! dxc5 22.d6 Qd7 23.dxc7! Re7 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nb5 Rf8 26.c8Q Rxc8 27.Nd6 h6 28.Ngf7+ 1–0

W: David Meliti
B: Jeff Fox

Pirc
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Be3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.Qd2 Nbd7 7.Rb1 e5 8.d5 c5 9.Bh6 0–0 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.h4 h6 12.g4 a6 13.g5 hxg5 14.Qxg5 Nh7 15.Qg3 Rh8 16.Nh3 Qf6 17.Bg4 Qe7 18.f3 Nhf6 19.Nf2 Nh5 20.Bxh5 Rxh5 21.Ncd1 Nf6 22.Ne3 Kf8 23.Kd2 Rh8 24.Nh3 Bxh3 25.Qxh3 Nh5 26.Qg4 Nf4 27.Rbg1 Ke8 28.Ng2 Nh5 29.Re1 Kd8 30.f4 exf4 31.Nxf4 Nxf4 32.Qxf4 Rh5 33.Ref1 Rh7 34.Qg5 Qxg5+ 35.hxg5 Rxh1 36.Rxh1 Ke7 37.Ke3 Rf8 38.Rh7 b5 39.Kf4 Rd8 40.e5 dxe5+ 41.Kxe5 c4 42.Rh3 Rd6 43.b3 cxb3 44.axb3 b4 45.Rh4 a5 46.Rc4 Rd7 47.Rc6 Ra7 48.d6+ Ke8 49.Rc7 Ra6 50.Re7+ Kf8 51.Kd5 Ra8 52.Re4 Ra7 53.Rc4 1–0

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W: Larry Wutt
B: Anthea Carson

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.e5 a6 6.Ne4 Bf8 7.b3 d5 8.Nf2 Nc6 9.Be2 Nge7 10.0–0 h5 11.d4 Nf5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Kh1 h4 14.Bd3 Ng3+ (prev Diagram)[Ed. note: Interesting move... Fishing pole knights show up everywhere!]15.Kg1 Nxf1 16.Kxf1 Nd4 17.Ng4 Nf5 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Nf6+ Ke7 20.c3 Qc7 21.Nd4 Bxd4 22.Qxd4 Kf8 23.Ba3+ Kg7 24.Bd6 Qd8 25.Ke2 Bd7 26.Rg1 Rc8 27.g4 Bb5+ 28.Kd2 Qa5 29.gxf5+ Kh6 30.a3 Rhd8 31.Bb4 Qc7 32.Qf2 1–0

W: Klaus Johnson
B: Tim Brennan

King's Indian
1.c4 Nf6 2.b3 g6 3.Bb2 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.d4 0–0 6.e3 Bf5 7.Nh4 Bg4 8.Qc2 c6 9.h3 Bd7 10.Bd3 Na6 11.a3 Nc7 12.Nd2 d5 13.f4 dxc4 14.bxc4 b5 15.f5 bxc4 16.Nxc4 Nfd5 17.0–0 e6 18.fxe6 Nxe6 19.Nf3 c5 20.e4 Ndf4 21.d5 Bxb2 22.Nxb2 Nxd3 23.dxe6 Bb5 24.e7 Qxe7 25.Nxd3 Qxe4 26.Rfd1 Rad8 27.Nde1 Qc6 28.Ne5 Qe6 29.N1f3 f6 30.Ng4 c4 31.Qc3 Rd3 32.Rxd3 cxd3 33.Ng5! Rc8 34.Nxf6+ Kh8 35.Qd4 Kg7 36.Nxe6+ 1–0

W: Bill Weihmiller
B: Dean Brown

Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 Qb6 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Nd5 Qd8 8.Be2 Nf6 9.Nc3 d6 10.0–0 0–0 11.h3 a6 12.Be3 e5 13.Qd2 Nd7 14.Bc4 exd4 15.Nxd4 Nde5 16.Bd5 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Rb8 18.f4 Nc6 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rad1 Qb6+ 21.Kh2 Rd8 22.Bb3 Be6 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.Qc3+ Kg8 25.Rxd5 Rbc8 26.Qf6 Qc7 27.f5 Rd7 28.fxg6 hxg6 29.Rg5 Ne5 30.Rf4 Re7 31.Rh4 1–0

W: Michael Dempsey
B: Robert Rountree

Petrov
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxe4 4.Nc3 (The Boden-Kieseritsky Gambit, most often coming out of a Petrov. The modern Petrov line favored by the more aggressive GMs 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nxe5 d6 4 Nf3 Nxe4 5 Nc3 Nxc3 6 dxc3 shares similar ideas: Open Lines!).4...Nxc3 5.dxc3 Be7(And what is the best move here? Authorities from Staunton to Kasparov give 5...f6 as the main line, with varying success. A game Buchanan - Charles Moore, Estes Park Open 1984, went 5...f6 6 0–0 c6? 7 Nxe5 fxe5 8 Qh5+ 1–0.)6.Bxf7+?! (Staunton gives 6 Nxe5.) 6...Kxf7 7.Nxe5+ Kg8?(7...Kf8 and then what?)8.Qd5+ 1–0

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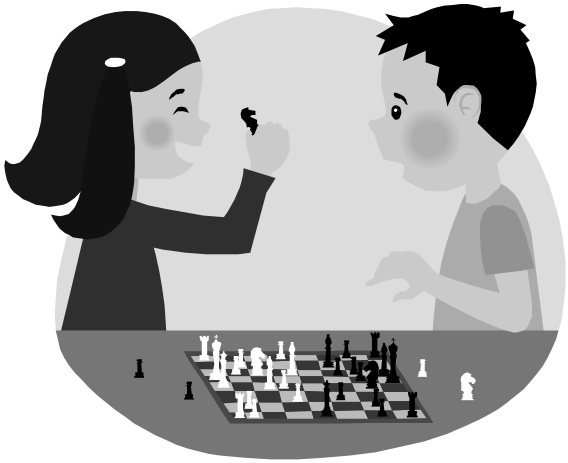
#	Name	ID	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	Richard Herbst	12792169	1986	W11	W5	W6	D3	3.5
2	Alexander Cacas	10116775	1800	W16	W10	D3	W6	3.5
3	Richard Buchanan	10273030	2000	W9	W7	D2	D1	3.0
4	Jackson Chen	13383565	1737	L10	W16	W9	W8	3.0
5	Anthea Carson	12614322	1676	W15	L1	W12	W7	3.0
6	Paul Anderson	12728345	1912	W13	W8	L1	L2	2.0
7	Tim Brennan	12718954	1710	W14	L3	W11	L5	2.0
8	Dean Brown	10224098	1535	W12	L6	W10	L4	2.0
9	Joshua Higa	12898026	1473	L3	W14	L4	W15	2.0
10	Tom Mullikin	12905792	1339	W4	L2	L8	W14	2.0
11	Fred Eric Spell	12835715	1377	L1	W15	L7	D12	1.5
12	Yelena Kandybey	13869926	unr.	L8	W13	L5	D11	1.5
13	Peter Swan	10163421	1377	L6	L12	L14	B---	1.0
14	Gary Frenzel	12528565	1062	L7	L9	W13	L10	1.0
15	Kathy Schneider	12545281	866	L5	L11	B---	L9	1.0
16	Robert Rountree	12937640	1349	L2	L4	U---	U---	0.0



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Editor's note: PLEASE send new or updated information to randy_teyana@msn.com for listing here.

Adams State College Chess Club meets Tuesdays, 6:30-10 PM, at Adams State College Student Center in the food court. Meets during academic year. (late August through April) For info call Joe Kolupke (719) 589-9354 or E-mail: jakolupke@adams.edu for more details.

The **Aurora Chess Club** meets Saturdays, 1-4 PM, at the Aurora Public Library, 14949 E. Alameda. They now have a coach for those that want to learn to play. Contact Jeff Baffo at jbaffo2004@msn.com or (303) 617-9123.

Boulder Chess Club is back in business and meets every Wednesday at the UMC Alferd Packer Grill 6:30-11:30 PM. See www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub/ or E-mail boulderchessclub@yahoo.com for more details.

Carbondale Chess Club meets every Tuesday from 6pm until the wee hours at Kahhak Fine Arts & School, 411 Main St, Carbondale. All levels and ages are welcome and chess coaching is available. Rated games and tournaments will be offered soon. Please contact Majid Kahhak at (970)704-0622 or e-mail at: Mkahhak@sopris.net.

Chess Knights meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evening from 7-9pm. From 470 & Broadway, on Broadway go 1.3 miles south, at the light, turn right onto Highland Ranch Parkway, go 0.2 miles, to the first light, turn left onto Ridgeline Blvd., go 0.2 miles, the library is on the left. We meet in the conference room on the left beyond the restrooms. Information is also available on the Chess Knights' Web site at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HighlandsRanch-ChessClub/. Contact: Frank Atwood 720-260-1493 or frank_atwood80120@yahoo.com

Colorado Springs Chess Club meets Tuesday evenings, 7 - 10 PM, in the downstairs game room of the Acacia Apartments Building, 104 E. Platte. Scheduled activities every meeting at 8 PM. (must show up by 8 or you might be locked out) For information see our website at: www.springschess.org or contact Buck Buchanan at buckpeace@pcisys.net or (719) 685-1984.

Craig Chess Club. Call Rick or Mary Nelson, (970) 824-4780 to schedule play.

The **Denver Chess Club** meets Tuesdays 6:30-11 PM at the 1st Avenue Presbyterian Church (1 block West of Broadway and 1st & Acoma). Contact Bruce Bain at (720) 318-6496 or E-mail yaxisx@aol.com for more info.

The **Durango Chess Club** meets at 6:30 PM Wednesdays. Speed chess and informal instruction take place along with regular games in a casual atmosphere. Newcomers of all ages are welcome. No dues required. The location alternates weekly between Steaming Bean and Magpies Newsstand. Call John Mical, 259-4718.

The **Fort Collins Chess Club** currently meets Tuesdays, 7 PM, in the food court of the Lory Student Center (2nd level), Colorado State University. E-mail Randy Reynolds at randy_teyana@msn.com. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess/

The **Fort Lewis College Chess Club** meets Thursday nights in the X-treme room which is located the College Union Building, the club is sponsored by the school and is a USCF affiliate club. If you have any questions you can contact Andrea Browne at (970)247-6239.

Grand Junction Junior Chess Club meets every 3rd Sat. of the month at the Knights of Columbus Bldg, 2853 North Ave. Call Rand Dodd at (970) 245-4015.

The **Greeley Chess Club** meets Thursdays, 7-10 PM, Best Western Inn, Lopiano's Restaurant, 8th Ave and 8th St. Call Herb Conley at (970) 352-6142.

The **Longmont Chess Club** meets Thursdays, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Abbondanza Pizzeria, 461 Main St., in Longmont, Colorado. Contact James Drebenstedt at (720) 494-0993 for more info.

Also in Longmont, **Stonebridge Games Chess Club** meets Tuesdays at 5 PM. 449 Main Street, Longmont. Call 303-776-3796 for more info.

The **Rifle Chess Club** meets Thursdays, 6:30-9:00 PM, at City Hall. For info. email Dane Lyons at duilen@gmail.com.

Pueblo Chess Club meets at Barnes and Noble (4300 Freeway) on Mondays, Daily Grind (209 S. Union) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. All nights 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Thursdays are G/15 tournaments. Come any night to drop by and pick up a game… For more info contact Liz Wood at 719-566-6929.

USAF Academy Chess Club meets most Fridays during the school year, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Fairchild Hall, Room 5D2. Call Jim Serpa or Pete Cohen, (719) 333-4470.

In **Westcliffe**, the **Dean Moon Chess Club** plays on Fridays beginning 12:30 in the community room adjacent to the library, 209 Main (1/2 block west of Highways 69 and 96/main intersection). Casual. No dues. All levels welcome. Call Russ Stark, 719-371-0696.

Colorado Tour 2008 Standings (through DCC May Flowers)

Top 10 Overall

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Tyler Hughes	2240	284.49	33
2	Renard Anderson	2219	256.39	33
3	Anthea Carson	1690	195.5	41
4	Tim Brennan	1713	178.87	33
5	Dean W. Brown	1522	175.62	50
6	Brian Wall	2209	175.61	23
7	Sharavdorj Dashzeveg	2491	174.97	15
8	Cory Foster	1456	164.83	38
9	Jackson Chen	1673	158.07	33
10	Paul Anderson	1899	142.54	20

Top 10 Active

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Kathy Schneider	789	92.36	51
2	Dean W. Brown	1522	175.62	50
3	Thomas Mullikin	1229	89.16	42
4	Anthea Carson	1690	195.5	41
5	Cory Foster	1456	164.83	38
6	Jackson Chen	1673	158.07	33
7	Renard Anderson	2219	256.39	33
8	Tim Brennan	1713	178.87	33
9	Tyler Hughes	2240	284.49	33
10	Michael Dempsey	1113	82.68	28

Top 10 Expert

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Richard Buchanan	2001	108.62	13
2	Mitesh Shridhar	2020	81.49	10
3	James Hamblin	2040	66.73	14
4	Markus Petters	2034	51.7	10
5	Robert Ramirez	2108	49.02	8
6	Pierre Ducharme	2044	20.95	4
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Top 10 Class A

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Paul Anderson	1899	142.54	20
2	Larry Wutt	1884	132.8	21
3	Bill Weihmiller	1819	106.03	16
4	Christofer Peterson	1841	101.62	13
5	David Meliti	1806	84.66	9
6	Shaun T. MacMillan	1831	83.03	13
7	Richard Herbst	1977	82.84	14
8	Igor Melnykov	1804	58.58	9
9	Hal Mendrano	1954	46.91	5
10	Ken Doykos	1800	44.82	8

Top 10 Class B

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Anthea Carson	1690	195.5	41
2	Tim Brennan	1713	178.87	33
3	Jackson Chen	1673	158.07	33
4	Joe Fromme	1719	135.97	24
5	Paul Grimm	1618	127.01	27
6	Ted Doykos	1680	118.2	23
7	Scott Massey	1777	68.17	13
8	Gary Bagstad	1701	59.76	14
9	John Flores	1744	59.46	9
10	Klaus Johnson	1760	57.09	11

Top 10 Class C

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Dean W. Brown	1522	175.62	50
2	Cory Foster	1456	164.83	38
3	Lee F. Lahti	1512	103.49	25
4	Daniel Zhou	1412	76.51	14
5	Jerry Keker	1425	66.01	16
6	Chaitanya Neuhaus	1427	64.03	19
7	Joshua Z. Higa	1499	61.78	24
8	Samdan Dashzeveg	1541	54.59	15
9	Norbert Martinez	1560	54.43	14
10	Steve Hornyak	1579	43.62	7

Top 10 Class D

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Thomas Mullikin	1229	89.16	42
2	Robert Rountree	1368	68.61	15
3	Fred Eric Spell	1396	52.83	16
4	Gerald Maier	1243	50.8	22
5	Jay Kranzdorf	1304	48.2	14
6	Anatoly Makarevich	1300	45.38	14
7	Noel Pautsky	1398	44.82	5
8	Russel Stark	1223	44.03	13
9	Edward F. Cronin	1296	40.77	23
10	Kevin Hempstead	1349	26.89	3

Top 10 Class E

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Kathy Schneider	789	92.36	51
2	Michael Dempsey	1113	82.68	28
3	Ken Johnson	1054	69.83	22
4	Buddy Owens	1063	37.63	9
5	Isaac Martinez	1127	36.25	13
6	Gary Frenzel	1067	31.22	13
7	Yelena Kandybey	1192	29.24	8
8	Ginny Gaige	788	27.85	26
9	Jeff Sallade	1195	25.86	9
10	Glenn Mullins	1003	24.31	9

Upcoming Tournaments

The Pueblo Open, June 28, 2008

5 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: G/30 No Time Delay
Site: The Daily Grind, 209 S. Union, Pueblo
Directions: Take 1st Street exit, three blocks to Union; Union & D Street
Entry fee: $20 ($15 if rec'd by 6/25); Sr, Jr, Unr $15
Registration: 9:00-9:45, **Rounds:** 10, 11:15, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45.
Entries: Jerry Maier, 229 Hargrove Ct., CO Springs, CO 80919-2213
Phone: Liz Wood, 719-660-5531
E-mail: chessliz@comcast.net
A Colorado Tour Event. CSCA & USCF required.

Poor Richard's July Open, July 2 - 30, 2008

5 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: Game/85; 5-sec delay
Site: Poor Richard's Bookstore, 320 Tejon Street, Colorado Springs
Directions: Block west of Nevada Ave between Boulder and Platte St.
Entry fee: $10
Registration: 2 July: 6:15-6:45PM; may join in any Wednesday, **Rounds:** 7 PM on 2 July, 9 July, 16 July, 23 July, and 30 July.
Entries: Jerry Maier 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80919
Phone: (719)660-5531
E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

2008 Kansas Open, July 19 - 20, 2008

5 round Swiss system tournament.
Site: Bethany College Library
Open: Open to all
Reserve: 1799 and below
Entry fee: $45 advance if postmarked by July 12th, $65 thereafter.
Round Times: 7/19 – 10:30, 3:00, 7:30; 7/20 – 9:00, 1:30
Website: www.kansaschess.org for more info
USCF & KCA membership required. OSA

DCC July Fireworks, July 19, 2008

6 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: Game/15
Site: Tabor Center 16th Street Mall
Open: Open to all USCF players rated and unrated.
Reserve: Open to all USCF players rated 1500 and below and unrated.
Entry fee: $20 on-site, $15 by 7/14, $3 discount to DCC members
Registration: 8-8:45 am, **Rnds:** 9 AM, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15, 12:30 PM 1:15.
Entries: Joe Haines 6871 Knox Ct., Denver, CO 80221
Phone: (720) 339-7233
E-mail: joehaines@comcast.net
A DCC sponsored event. No pre-registration accepted without payment.

July 2008 G/29 GP Event, July 22, 2008

3 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: Game/29, no delay
Site: Zachariah's Food Court, Univ. Center Lower Level, UNC Campus, Greeley, CO.
Directions: Take Highway 34 into Greeley. From Highway 34, turn North (Left if heading East on Highway 34, Right if heading West) onto 11th Ave. Continue on 11th Ave until you reach 22nd Street. Turn Right on 22nd St. Take first Left into the parking lot of the University Center.
Open: One open section. USCF membership required.
Unrated: Open to all without a USCF Membership.
Entry fee: $3
Prizes: 100% of entry fees, minus USCF rating fee. (60% of total entry fees for tourney prizes, remainder after rating fee to GP Prize Fund.)
Registration: 6:30 - 7:00 pm Onsite registration only, but please email if you intend to come., **Rounds:** 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm.
Entries: Travis Pape
E-mail: chessunc@yahoo.com
A G/29 Grand Prix Event, hosted by the Greeley Chess Club

Boulder Chess Festival: 2008 Boulder Invitational, July 25-27, 2008

Time Control: G/120 TD/5
Site: Best Western Boulder Inn, Aspen Room, 770 28th St Boulder CO
8-player Round Robin: One Closed Section
Entry fee: $45
Prizes: 1st: $250, 2nd: $100
Round Times: 7/25: 2:30 PM, 7:00 PM. 7/26: 10, 2:30, 7. 7/27: 9, 2
E-mail: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com
Website: www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub
The top four places from last year's Invitational (Renard Anderson, Philipp Ponomarev, Mitesh Shridhar, and Markus Petters) and the winner of last year's Festival Open (Jay Shaeffer) are invited. The other three spots will be the three highest-rated players who apply by July 5th, 2008.

USAF Academy Non-USCF Community Swiss, July 26, 2008

4 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: Game/15
Site: Milazzo Rec Center, Community Center, US Air Force Academy.
Directions: On the beautiful US Air Force Academy. From COS take I-25, exit Academy Blvd/South entrance of the Academy. Follow Stadium Drive, about 5 miles, cross over railroad bridge, continue up the hill to Community Center Drive, turn left, go up the hill about 2 miles, at crest of hill, turn left on Aspen Drive, Fitness Facility is on your left. Go to end of street, turn left, proceed about 500 feet and you will see a large parking lot on right and the Milazzo Center, which is set back aways.
Community Swiss: A non-USCF chess tournament open to all novice, beginners, and social chess players.
Entry fee: $5
Prizes: Award Certificates and Certificates of Participation
Registration: 9:30-10 AM, **Rounds:** 10:15 AM, 11; 11:45, 12:30 PM..
Entries: Dean Brown 4225 Hedge Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80917
Phone: (719) 573-5176
E-mail: browndw1@mindspring.com
This tournament is open to the public.

USAF USCF Open Quads, July 26, 2008

3 round Round Robin system tournament.
Time Control: Game/60; 5-sec Delay
Site: Milazzo Rec Center, Community Center, US Air Force Academy.
Directions: Located on the beautiful US Air Force Academy in the Community Center. From COS take I-25, exit Academy Blvd/South entrance of the Academy. Follow Stadium Drive, about 5 miles, continue up the hill to Community Center Drive, turn left, go up the hill about 2 miles, at crest of hill, turn left on Aspen Drive, Fitness Facility is on your left. Go to end of street, turn left, proceed about 500 feet and you will see a large parking lot on right and the Milazzo Center, which is set back aways.
USCF-Rated Quads: Each USCF-Rated Quad is a 4-player Round Robin. The top 4 rated players will form a Quad; the next 4 highest rated players will form the next Quad; etc.

Entry fee: $12
Prizes: For each Quad: 1st: $25 2nd: $15
Registration: 8:30-9 AM, **Rounds:** 9:15 AM; 12:15 PM; 2:30 PM.
Entries: Dean Brown 4225 Hedge Lane, Colorado Springs. CO 80917
Phone: (719) 573-5176
E-mail: browndw1@mindspring.com
This tournament is open to the public

Boulder Chess Festival: 2008 Boulder Qualifiers, July 26-27

Time Control: G/120 TD/5
Site: Best Western Boulder Inn, Aspen Room, 770 28th St. Boulder
6-player Round Robins: Two Closed Sections
Entry fee: $35
Prizes: $125, 2nd: $50 in each section
Round Times: 7/26: 10, 2:30, 7. 7/27: 9, 2
E-mail: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com
For more details see website: www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub

Boulder Chess Festival: 2008 Festival Open, July 26-27

5 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: G/120 TD/5
Site: Best Western Boulder Inn, Aspen Room, 770 28th St., Boulder
Sections: One Open Section
Entry fee: $30
Prizes: 60% of Entries.
Round Times: 7/26: 10, 2:30, 7. 7/27: 9, 2
E-mail: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com
Website: www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub
The top four places will be invited to the 2009 Boulder Qualifiers.

Pikes Peak Open, August 2 - 3, 2008

5 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: Rds 1-3 40/90 and G/1; Rds 4-5 40/2 and G/1
Site: Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave.
Sections: One open section
Entry fee: $30 if rec'd by 7/31, $35 at site. $8 EF discount for jrs, srs, unr.
Registration: 8:30 - 9:30, Rounds: 10, 2:30, 7:00; 9:00 AM, 3:00.
Entries: Richard Buchanan 844B Prospect Pl., Manitou Springs CO 80829
Phone: (719) 685-1984
E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net
A Colorado Tour Event. CSCA required, ($15, jrs & srs 10), OSA.

Poor Richard's Aug. Open, Aug. 6-27, 2008

4 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: Game/85; 5-sec delay
Site: Poor Richard's Bookstore, 320 Tejon Street, Colorado Springs
Directions: Block west of Nevada Ave. between Boulder and Platte St.
Consecutive Wednesdays: One section USCF Regular Rated Open
Entry fee: $10
Registration: 6 August: 6:15-6:45 PM; may join in any Wednesday,
Rounds: 7 PM on 6 August, 13 August, 20 August, and 27 August.
Entries: Jerry Maier 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs, CO, 80919
Phone: (719)660-5531
E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

Poor Richard's Sept. Open, Sept. 3-24, 2008

4 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: Game/85; 5-sec delay
Site: Poor Richard's Bookstore, 320 Tejon Street, Colorado Springs
Directions: Block west of Nevada Ave between Boulder and Platte St.
Consecutive Wednesdays: One section USCF Regular Rated Open
Entry fee: $10
Registration: 3 September: 6:15-6:45 PM,; may join in any Wednesday,
Rounds: 7 PM on 3 Sept, 10 Sept, 17 Sept, and 24 Sept.
Entries: Jerry Maier 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs, CO, 80919
Phone: (719)660-5531
E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

SOCO One-Day Rated, September 6, 2008

5 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: G/30 No Time Delay
Site: The Daily Grind, 209 S. Union, Pueblo
Directions: Take 1st Street exit, three blocks to Union; Union & D Street

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Registration: 9:00-9:45, **Rounds:** 10, 11:15, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45.
Entries: Liz Wood
Phone: 719-566-6929
E-mail: chessliz@comcast.net
A Colorado Tour Event. CSCA & USCF required.

DCC Denker/Polgar Fundraiser, Sept 20, 2008

5 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: Game/30
Site: Tabor Center 16th Street Mall
Open: Open to all USCF players rated and unrated.
Reserve: Open to all USCF players rated 1500 and below or unrated.
Entry fee: $20 on-site, $15 by 9/15, $3 discount to DCC members
Prizes: Based on entries, 1/2 of entries to Scholarship Fund
Registration: 8:00 a.m. - 8:45, **Rounds:** 9 AM, 10:15, 11:30, 1 PM, 2:15 .
Entries: Joe Haines 6871 Knox Ct., Denver, CO 80221
Phone: (720) 339-7233
E-mail: joehaines@comcast.net
No pre-registration accepted without payment.

DCC Columbus Discovery, Oct. 11, 2008

4 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: Game/45
Site: Tabor Center 16th Street Mall
Open: Open to all USCF rated players and unrated players
Reserve: Open to all USCF rated players rated 1492 and below or unrated.
Entry fee: $30 on-site, $24 in advance, $7 discount to Srs., Jrs, and Unr., $3 discount to DCC members
Registration: 8 AM - 8:45 , **Rounds:** 9 AM, 10:30, 12:30, 2:00.
Entries: Joe Haines 6871 Knox Ct., Denver, CO 80221
Phone: (720) 339-7233
E-mail: joehaines@comcast.net
A CO Tour Event. CSCA membership required, OSA.
No pre-registration accepted without payment.

DCC Halloween Special, November 1, 2008

7 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: Game/15
Site: Tabor Center 16th Street Mall
Open: Open to all USCF rated and unrated.
Reserve: Open to all USCF players rated 1566 and below and unrated.
Spooky: Open to all USCF players rated 666 and below and unrated.
Entry fee: $20 on-site, $15 by 10/27, $5 discount to those in costume (as decided by TD), $3 discount to DCC members
Prizes: Based on Entries. Prize for Best in Costume Male and Female.
Registration: 8-8:45 AM, **Rounds:** 9 AM, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15, 12:30 p.m., 1:15, 2.
Entries: Joe Haines 6871 Knox Ct., Denver, CO 80221
Phone: (720) 339-7233
E-mail: joehaines@comcast.net
No pre-registration accepted without payment.

Halloween Open One-Day, November 1, 2008

5 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: G/30 No Time Delay
Site: The Daily Grind, 209 S. Union, Pueblo
Directions: Take 1st Street exit, three blocks to Union; Union & D Street
Entry fee: $20; Sr, Jr, Unr $15
Registration: 9:00-9:45, **Rounds:** 10, 11:15, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45.
Entries: Liz Wood
Phone: 719-566-6929
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